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LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. REURTEL TODAY. HOLD
INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE. MATTER BEING PRESENTED DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER SIX AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

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FBI, NEW ORLEANS

12-5-55

7-01 PM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

CIVIL RIGHTS
LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COMPLAINANT, WHO PERSONALLY APPEARED IN THE OFFICE
AT THE DIRECTION OF USA BLUE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USA GEORGE R. BLUE ADVISED WHEN REFERRING COMPLAINANT
TO OFFICE THAT HE DESIRES THAT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THIS
MATTER BE MADE AND INDICATED IF FACTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED,
HE WILL DEFINITELY CONSIDER PROSECUTION. INVESTIGATION WILL

END PAGE ONE

Mr. Rosen

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BE INSTITUTED UACB. BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO

PAGE FIVE OF THE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] IN THE CASE *b7C*

ENTITLED [REDACTED] *b7C*

Civil Rights
[REDACTED] - VICTIM, CR, IN WHICH [REDACTED] *b7D*

[REDACTED] ALSO

REPORTED THIS OR / SIMILAR INCIDENT.

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CC: MR. ROSEN
~~MR. ROSEN~~
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

December 7, 1955

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ
UNKNOWN VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and Henry Putzel, Jr., attorney, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on December 6, 1955.

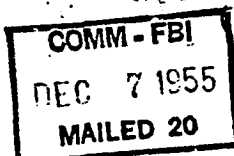
Our New Orleans, Louisiana, Office has advised that [REDACTED]

According to United States Attorney Blue, [REDACTED]

United States Attorney Blue advised a Special Agent of the New Orleans Office that he desired that a complete investigation of this matter be made and indicated that if facts could be established he would definitely consider prosecution.

Messrs. Caldwell and Putzel, after being furnished the above information, instructed that the

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Investigation requested by United States Attorney Blue should be conducted. Our New Orleans Office has been advised accordingly and upon the receipt of a report a copy of same will be forwarded to you.

In connection with this matter your attention is directed to the case entitled [REDACTED] Et Al., [REDACTED] Victim, Civil Rights, your file [REDACTED], wherein an investigation was conducted by this Bureau [REDACTED]

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Note: New Orleans advised by teletype 12-6-55 to conduct the investigation requested by USA Blue and the Department.

DECEMBER 6, 1955

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7 LEANDER PEREZ; UNKNOWN VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS. REURTEL DECEMBER FIVE, LAST. DEPARTMENT ADVISED INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY USA BLUE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. IMMEDIATELY CONFER WITH USA AND DETERMINE EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION DESIRED INCLUDING SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS TO BE INTERVIEWED. INVESTIGATION TO BE INSTITUTED IMMEDIATELY AND GIVEN PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED ARE TO BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN OLNEY III, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND USA. ADVISE BUREAU IN DETAIL RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH USA AND SUBMIT ESTIMATE OF DATE WHEN INVESTIGATION CAN BE COMPLETED AND REPORT SUBMITTED. 8-1

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NOTE: By teletype 12/5/55 New Orleans advised [REDACTED] b7C

b7D USA desired complete investigation. Facts presented to A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division and Henry Putzel, attorney, Civil Rights Section, on 12/5/55, who instructed that investigation requested by USA should be conducted. A memorandum confirming the conversation with Messrs. Caldwell and Putzel is being prepared.

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FBI, NEW ORLEANS 12/7/55
Transmit the following Teletype message to:
DIRECTOR, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReButel, 12/6/55.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE contacted 12/6/55, advised that he desired the facts obtained regarding subject PEREZ' possible violation of the CR statute by depriving individuals of Plaquemines Parish, and particularly the people of Belle Chasse, Louisiana, their rights of freedom of religion, advised that in his opinion it would be necessary to show a definite abridgement of the rights of freedom of religion and not a possibility that PEREZ as District Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state segregation laws as they applied to white and colored people in the schools.

He suggested that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of New Orleans by contacted.

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USA BLUE again contacted this date, and the facts as developed from [REDACTED] discussed with him. Mr. BLUE advised at this time he desired a preliminary investigation instituted to develop the full and complete facts from [REDACTED], and also requesting interview with the nuns who were involved in the incident reported in [REDACTED] letter of 12/14/54. Mr. BLUE advised that if possible the names of the children involved be secured from [REDACTED]

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Mr. Rosen

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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AIR-TEL TO DIRECTOR, 12/7/55

Mr. BLUE advised that at this time he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary stage, and at the conclusion of the above interviews he be furnished a report in order that he might take up the entire matter with the Department of Justice.

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For the information of the Bureau and the Department there is enclosed herewith two copies of [REDACTED] letters of December 14, 1954, and April 18, 1955, and [REDACTED] letter of April 26, 1955.

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With regard to the incident referred to in [REDACTED] S letter of April 26, 1955, Paragraph One, Mr. BLUE advised that he desired no inquiry conducted as this incident occurred in New Orleans and involves a discussion between PEREZ and [REDACTED]

In view of the fact that PEREZ is an elected official no other state official is being advised of the fact that this preliminary investigation is being conducted.

UACB by 8:30 A.M., (CST), 12/9/55, [REDACTED] will be interviewed at [REDACTED] established and they will be interviewed.

CHILES

DO. MR. ROSEN
AND [REDACTED]
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

RE: LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

ENCLOSURES: SIX (6)

TO: BUREAU

FROM: NEW ORLEANS

BUFILE:

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

December 13, 1955

Director, FBI

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CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated
December 7, 1955.

Enclosed for your information is one Photostat
each of letters dated December 14, 1954, April 18, 1955,
and April 26, 1955, regarding captioned matter which were
made available to our New Orleans Office by [REDACTED]

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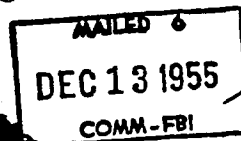
United States Attorney George R. Blue when
contacted by Special Agents of our New Orleans Office
regarding the investigation to be conducted in this
matter, stated that he desired the investigation to be
conducted to determine whether subject Leander Perez vio-
lated the Civil Rights Statutes by depriving individuals
of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and Belle Chasse, Louisiana,
of their rights of freedom of religion. United States
Attorney Blue stated in his opinion it would be necessary
to show a definite abridgement of the right of freedom
of religion and not a possibility that Perez as District
Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state
segregation laws as they applied to white and colored
people in the schools.

United States Attorney Blue suggested that
[REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, be contacted
regarding this matter. The information obtained from
[REDACTED] was discussed with United States
Attorney Blue and he requested that a preliminary investi-
gation be instituted to develop the full and complete
facts from [REDACTED]
and also requested that the nuns who were involved in the
incident reported by [REDACTED] in his letter of December 14,
1954, a Photostat of which is enclosed, be interviewed.
United States Attorney Blue also requested that if possible,
the names of the children involved in the incident reported
in [REDACTED] letter be secured from [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

United States Attorney Blue stated that he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary investigation and at the conclusion of the investigation and the submission of a report reflecting the interviews he requested, he would take up the entire matter with the Department.

Our New Orleans Office is conducting the investigation requested by United States Attorney Blue and upon the receipt of the report, a copy of same will be forwarded to you.

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DIRECTOR FBI

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LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL
DECEMBER TENTH LAST. DUE TO DELAY IN US MAIL SERVICE
TO RESIDENT ~~XXXX~~ AGENCY, LEAD TO INTERVIEW ~~REDACTED~~ AND
~~REDACTED~~ LOUISIANA, NOT COMPLETED.

THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED TODAY AND REPORT SUBMITTED
DECEMBER FIFTEENTH.

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END AND PLS. ACK.--

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 12-15-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/5,6,7,9, 14/55	REPORT MADE BY b7C
TITLE CHANGED: LEANDER PEREZ, SR.; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; UNKNOWN VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

USA desires to review the report before requesting additional investigation.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked **CHANGED** to reflect the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The names of the children involved in this incident are not being carried as Victims at this time.

*Added New Orleans
HSE 12-20-55*

1cc to Asst Dir New Orleans 12/19/55 HJE

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U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE on December 5, 1955,
at approximately 5:15 PM, telephonically advised that

[REDACTED] had furnished
him with information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On December 6, 1955, the details of the information
furnished by [REDACTED] were discussed with U. S.
Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE, at which time Mr. BLUE's attention
was directed to the investigation of the case entitled
"[REDACTED], et al; [REDACTED] - VICTIM, CIVIL
RIGHTS."

Mr. BLUE advised that the full details of these
incidents should be obtained from [REDACTED]
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On December 7, 1955, Assistant U. S. Attorney
GEORGE R. BLUE was again contacted, making available the
information received from [REDACTED] at which time he
advised that the Sisters involved in the incident and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] should be interviewed. He advised that he did not
at this time believe that it would be necessary to interview
[REDACTED] in view of the fact that LEANDER PEREZ
would not have any authority in the Parish of Orleans.

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On December 14, 1955, United States Attorney
GEORGE R. BLUE was again contacted, at which time he

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advised that he desired to read and study the report to date before requesting additional investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

LEANDER PEREZ, SR., is a well known and prominent individual in political circles in Plaquemines Parish in the State of Louisiana. He is a State Rights advocate, and extremely active in the maintaining of the segregation movement in Plaquemines Parish.

In view of the fact that this investigation was in its preliminary stages, it was not deemed advisable to notify any State official that the investigation was being conducted, and further it was not considered advisable to verify his election as District Attorney, Plaquemines Parish.

In the event investigation is reinstituted, it is believed that the Governor of the State of Louisiana will be the proper person to notify that investigation will be conducted.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with USA GEORGE R. BLUE for his instructions as to additional investigation desired.

REFERENCES:

New Orleans teletype to Bureau 12-5-55; 44-9732-2

Bureau teletype to New Orleans 12-6-55; 44-9732-3

New Orleans airtel to Bureau 12-7-55; 44-9732-5

New Orleans airtel to Bureau 12-10-55; 44-9732-4

New Orleans teletype to Bureau 12-14-55. 44-9732-6

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SAC, New Orleans (44-711)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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LEANDER PEREZ, SR.;

UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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cc - 1 - VICTIMS

Rereport of SA [redacted] dated 12/15/55
at New Orleans.

Referenced report reflects that all of the victims
carried in the title of the above matter were interviewed
as set forth in rereport. However, the descriptions of the
victims were not included in the report. Bureau instructions
are that descriptions should be obtained from subjects
and victims and set forth in the details of the reports
in Civil Rights matters.

You are to insure that descriptions of the victims
who have been interviewed are available in your file and
in the future you should be sure that Bureau instructions
are complied with in this regard.

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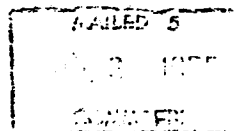
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

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LEANDER PEREZ
UNKNOWN VICTIM

Re: SA [REDACTED] dated 12/15/55 at
New Orleans.

You should maintain close liaison with the USA
concerning the above matter. In the event additional investigation
is desired by the USA, the Bureau must be immediately advised
and the investigation promptly conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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AIR TEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI NEW ORLEANS

12/21/55

DIRECTOR, FBI

①
LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.;
[REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Description of known victims being obtained for inclusion in subsequent report. Also, descriptions of any additional victims identified will be similarly included.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI, NEW ORLEANS (44-707)

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ET AL

- VICTIM

LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.

ET AL - VICTIMS

**UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Information received today that USA GEORGE R. BLUE, EDLA, has written the department suggesting that a full investigation be conducted in the above captioned cases.

Bureau will be promptly advised of any additional developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following AIRTEL message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (44-707)

12/23/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (AIRMAIL)

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LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.;
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LEANDER PEREZ;
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ET AL - VICTIMS

Reurairtels 12/23/55. Bureau in receipt of memorandum from Department dated 1/12/56, together with copy of Department's letter to USA Blue of same date. Memorandum instructs as follows:

In the [REDACTED] case a full investigation as requested in Department's memorandum of November 16, 1955, is to be conducted including pursuit of specific leads set forth therein.

In the Perez case you are to contact the USA and conduct such investigation as he may desire.

The [REDACTED] case is to be handled immediately by mature and experienced Agent personnel with two Agents conducting all pertinent interviews. Report reflecting results is to reach Bureau not later than January 26, next.

In the Perez case you should contact USA immediately and determine extent of investigation desired. Advise Bureau by airtel by January 18, 1956, as to extent of investigation and date it will be completed and report sent to Bureau. Two Agents should also be present at all pertinent interviews in this case.

Bureau should be advised of pertinent developments.

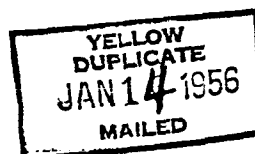
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR TEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

1/16/56

FBI NEW ORLEANS
DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: Assistant to the Director L. B. NICHOLS

[REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

[REDACTED] ETAL;
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel 1/10/56 in the [REDACTED] case, and Buairtel 1/14/56 in the [REDACTED] and PEREZ cases.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE advised he is presently engaged in the trial of several important cases in USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana, and will not have time to review, analyze and discuss these cases before Thursday, 1/19/56 or Friday, 1/20/56. Assistant USA M. HEPBURN MANY advised these cases have been handled by the USA personally, and he does not desire to issue any instructions regarding them until he has the opportunity to review them with USA BLUE. MANY stated he did not anticipate being able to discuss these cases with Mr. BLUE before the week beginning 1/23/56.

Bureau attention is directed to the fact that LEANDER PEREZ, a nationally-known political figure, is the sponsor of Congressman F. EDWARD HEBERT, First Congressional District of Louisiana. PEREZ is also extremely close to U. S. Senator ALLEN J. ELLENDER, Sr.

5 - Bureau (44-6770) (AIR MAIL)
3 - New Orleans [REDACTED] 44-711, [REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI
1/16/56

When investigation is initiated, it is probable that political opponents of the PEREZ machine or the USA or members of his staff may make available to the press information concerning the investigation. Considering the prominence of the individuals involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Opponents of PEREZ, HEBERT and ELLENDER will undoubtedly seize upon anything they can to exploit politically.

The Louisiana Democratic primary election will be held on 1/17/56. It appears likely that a "run-off" primary will be necessary, and, if so, this is generally held approximately thirty days later.

Another factor which should be noted in connection with these matters is that while PEREZ is a member of the Catholic Church, his interests are adverse to the stand against segregation in Catholic churches taken by Archbishop JOSEPH FRANCIS RUMMEL.

SA [REDACTED], who has handled these cases from the outset, will attend the Civil Rights school at the Seat of Government beginning Monday, 1/23/56. — *I think he should stay in N.O. and handle this*

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The PEREZ and [REDACTED] cases are very closely related and interwoven, and the [REDACTED] case is but one of a series of incidents which have occurred in the Belle Chasse, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana Catholic church parish. Investigation in the [REDACTED] case will in effect be an investigation of the PEREZ case. For this reason, it is recommended by this office that they be investigated simultaneously and that investigation of the [REDACTED] case be deferred until such time as the investigation in the PEREZ case is initiated. Investigation in the [REDACTED] case will, of course, be deferred pursuant to Bureau instructions until the USA indicates the scope of investigation desired. Here again, the investigation of [REDACTED] will, in fact, be an investigation of LEANDER PEREZ. This office will very closely follow the USA's office, and when he determines the scope of investigation desired in the PEREZ case, investigation will be initiated immediately.

Press inquiries and inquiries from the general public during the course of the investigation will be answered as follows: "An inquiry is being made at the specific instructions of Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice."

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CC: MR. ROSEN

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Mr. T. E. Tachels

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

January 23, 1956

Director, FBI

44-9732 - ✓

[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
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(Your Reference 144-32-190, MWH)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] ET AL;
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
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(Your Reference 144-32-252, NF)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

LEANDER PEREZ;
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
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(Your Reference 144-32-254, NF)
(Bureau File 44-9732)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 6, 1956, in the [REDACTED] matter, and also to your memorandum dated January 12, 1956, in the [REDACTED] et al, and Leander Perez matters.

This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Maceo W. Hubbard and Henry Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on January 18, 1956.

United States Attorney George R. Blue, New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised our New Orleans Office that he is presently engaged in the trial of several important cases in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and will not have time to review, analyze and discuss these cases before January 19 or 20, 1956. Assistant United States Attorney M. Hepburn Many advised that the above matters have been handled by the United States Attorney personally, and he does not desire to issue any instructions regarding them until he has had the opportunity to review them with Mr. Blue. Many advised he did not anticipate being able to discuss these cases with Mr. Blue before the week beginning January 23, 1956. In view of the

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

close connection between the individuals involved in the above matters, Mr. A. E. Caldwell was advised of the above and asked as to whether the investigation as requested in the [REDACTED] case should go forward or be withheld until discussion with the United States Attorney concerning additional investigation in the [REDACTED] and Leander Perez matters.

Upon being furnished the above information, Mr. Caldwell advised that the investigation in the [REDACTED] case should be withheld until after discussion is had with the United States Attorney concerning the [REDACTED] and Leander Perez matters.

For your additional information in connection with the above matters, our New Orleans Office has advised that Leander Perez, allegedly a nationally-known political figure, is allegedly the sponsor of Congressman F. Edward Hebert, First Congressional District of Louisiana. Perez allegedly is also close to United States Senator Allen J. Ellender, Sr. [REDACTED]

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You will be kept advised as to pertinent developments in the above matters.

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NOTE: The New Orleans Office was advised by teletype dated 1/18/56, to withhold investigation in the [REDACTED] case until after discussion with the USA concerning the other two matters.

TELETYPE
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JANUARY 18, 1956

SAC, NEW ORLEANS

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS;
[REDACTED], ET AL; [REDACTED] DASH VICTIM, CIVIL
RIGHTS; LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED], ET AL DASH VICTIMS,
CIVIL RIGHTS. REURAIRTEL ONE SIXTEEN, FIFTYSIX. WITHHOLD
INVESTIGATION IN [REDACTED] CASE UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSION USA IN
[REDACTED] AND PEREZ CASES, PER DEPARTMENT. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
WHEN CASES DISCUSSED WITH USA AND ACTION BEING TAKEN YOUR
OFFICE. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE: Above instructions concerning withholding investigation
in the [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA in the Perez
and [REDACTED] cases are on the instructions of Messrs. A. B. Caldwell
Maceo W. Hubbard and Henry Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section,
Criminal Division, on 1/18/56. A confirming memorandum is
being prepared.

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file in Leander Perez case - 44-9732

Mr. Rosen

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Mr. [REDACTED]

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LEANDER PEREZ;
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New Orleans advised by airtel 1/16/56 (received 1/18/56) that USA George R. Blue is unavailable to discuss the [REDACTED] and Perez cases for his desires for additional investigation until 1/23/56 and requested advice in view of close tie in between above cases, whether to withhold full investigation in [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA on 1/23/56.

By memorandum dated 1/6/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in [REDACTED] case, which was ordered 1/10/56. By memorandum 1/12/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in Perez case and requested Bureau conduct full investigation in [REDACTED] case, which was ordered 1/14/56 by airtel.

For your information [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Perez is national political figure and sponsor of Congressman F. Edward Hebert (D), First Congressional District, Louisiana, and close to U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender, Sr. (D).

b7C [REDACTED] Perez is a member of Catholic Church, however, his interests are adverse to stand taken by Catholic Churches in that area. In view of prominence of individuals involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Preliminary investigations previously completed these matters at request of USA and Department.

cc: 1 - Mr. Nichols
✓ 44-9732 (Perez)

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Matter of withholding investigation in [redacted] case until after discussion with USA 1/23/56 concerning additional investigation in [redacted] and Perez cases taken up with Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Maceo W. Hubbard and Henry Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, 1/18/56. On advice of Putzel who is handling [redacted] case, A. B. Caldwell instructed full investigation requested in [redacted] case should be withheld until after discussion with USA 1/23/56 on [redacted] and Perez cases. A confirming memorandum is being furnished the Department.

2. New Orleans instructed by teletype 1/18/56 to withhold investigation in [redacted] case until after 1/23/56. New Orleans instructed to advise Bureau immediately when cases discussed with USA and action being taken, and keep Bureau advised of all developments.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 1-20-56 NR 192242

TO DIRECTOR URGENT

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[REDACTED] ETAL - b7C
[REDACTED] - VICTIM,
VICTIMS, CR. [REDACTED] ETAL;

CR. LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS, CR.
REBUTEL JANUARY 18, 1956. USA GEORGE R. BLUE, EDLA, ADVISED
TODAY THAT HE WILL HAVE HIS OPINION AND INSTRUCTIONS READY ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1956. HE STATED HE ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE ON JANUARY 18, 1956 OF THE DELAY. SACB, THE FOL-
LOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED IN COMPLYING WITH BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES TO NOTIFY RESPONSIBLE OF-
FICIAL THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED. AT THE OUTSET
OF THE INVESTIGATION, LEANDER PEREZ, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA, WILL BE CONTACTED IN HIS CAPACITY AS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED CON-
CERNING [REDACTED] IN PLAQUEMINES
PARISH. HE WILL ALSO BE ADVISED THAT THE FBI HAS BEEN SPECIFI-
CALLY INSTRUCTED BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN OLNEY,
THIRD, OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY CONCERNING THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE ALLEGATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT HE IS BEING CONTACTED
TO AFFORD HIM OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT DESIRED AND HE
WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS. AT THIS TIME,
HE WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE [REDACTED] CASE. THE b7C
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TO BE NOTIFIED IN THE [REDACTED] CASE IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOUISIANA.

11:54 AM RADIO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE MESSAGE IS TO BE DISSEMINATED
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CO: MR. ROSEN
~~ADMINISTRATIVE~~
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

JANUARY 20, 1956

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS

44-9732-✓

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[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS, CR. [REDACTED] ET AL;
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JANUARY TWENTY, FIFTYSIX. IF [REDACTED] IS, IN FACT,
RESPONSIBLE TO PEREZ - PROCEDURE OUTLINED IS ACCEPTABLE.
IF PEREZ NOT SUPERIOR OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IS
RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO PEOPLE, [REDACTED] HIMSELF SHOULD BE
ADVISED OF FACT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AND NOT PEREZ.
ADVISE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY OF USA'S REQUEST IN PEREZ
AND [REDACTED] CASES.

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NOTE:

It appears that [REDACTED] is an elected official and would be answerable only to the people insofar as superior authority is concerned. Therefore, he should be advised rather than Leander Perez as the responsible official. However, New Orleans is being asked whether [REDACTED] is, in fact, responsible to Perez and if such is the case, the procedure outlined by New Orleans is correct.

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LEANDER PEREZ; ██████████, ET AL - VICTIMS, CR.

REURRADIOGRAM JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, LAST. DEPARTMENT

REQUESTS FULL INVESTIGATION IN ██████████ AND ██████████ CASES

INCLUDING INTERVIEW OF ALL PERTINENT WITNESSES IN CIVIL

SUITS NOW PENDING IN ██████████ CASE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

USA BE CONTACTED FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION

DESIRED PEREZ CASE. SUTEL RESULTS OF DISCUSSION USA

RE PEREZ CASE, NUMBER OF AGENTS TO BE USED AND DAYS

ESTIMATED TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION ██████████ AND ██████████

CASES. THESE MATTERS MUST BE ASSIGNED FOR IMMEDIATE

PREFERRED ATTENTION AND PERTINENT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED

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Above issued on instructions of Mr. A.B. Caldwell, Chief,
Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, on 1/24/56.
A confirming memorandum is being prepared.

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For background the Department by memo 1/6/56 requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in [REDACTED] case which was ordered 1/10/56. By memo 1/12/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in Perez case and requested Bureau conduct full investigation in [REDACTED] case which was ordered 1/14/56. Preliminary investigations previously completed in these matters at request of USA and Department. For your information in these matters, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] allegedly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Perez, Prosecuting Attorney

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New Orleans advised by airtel 1/16/56 that the USA was unavailable to discuss the [REDACTED] and Perez cases for his desires as to additional investigation until 1/23/56 and requested advice in view of close tie in between above cases whether to withhold full investigation in [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA on 1/23/56. The Department was advised on 1/18/56 that matter could not be discussed with USA until 1/23/56 and Department requested that no investigation be conducted in the [REDACTED] case until the desires of the USA are obtained in the Perez and [REDACTED] cases. b7C

On 1/23/56 USA advised New Orleans Office that he had written to the Department suggesting that the witnesses in the above matters be brought before the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Louisiana, and that he was awaiting departmental instructions and desired no investigation by this Bureau until reply received from Department.

Enclosures

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cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - [REDACTED]
cc - 44-9732 (Perez)

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon receipt of information from New Orleans on 1/24/56 the above matters were immediately discussed with Messrs. A.B. Caldwell, Henry Putzel, Jr., and Maceo W. Hubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division on 1/24/56. Mr. Caldwell was asked whether he desired investigations be withheld in above matters in order to allow USA to present to Federal Grand Jury or whether he desired investigations go forward. After discussion, Mr. Caldwell instructed that full investigations should be conducted in the [redacted] and [redacted] cases and whatever additional investigation USA desires in the Perez case. Caldwell further requested that all pertinent witnesses in the civil suits now pending in the [redacted] case be interviewed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Attached is a teletype dated 1/24/56 for the New Orleans Office instructing that office to conduct investigation in accordance with the Department's request as reflected above. New Orleans further instructed to sutel results of discussion with USA in Perez case and number of Agents to be used and days estimated to complete investigation in [redacted] and [redacted] cases and to keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. New Orleans further advised that all pertinent interviews should be conducted by two Agents.

2. Attached is a confirming memorandum to Mr. Olney for your approval and if approved same should be forwarded.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

January 25, 1956

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(Your Reference 144-32-190, MMH)
(Bureau File ██████████)

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LEANDER PEREZ, et al. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your Reference 144-32-254, MP)
(Bureau File 44-9732)

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 23, 1956, in the above matters.

This will confirm a conversation between
Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Henry Putzel, Jr., and Maceo W.
Hubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and
a representative of this Bureau on January 24, 1956.

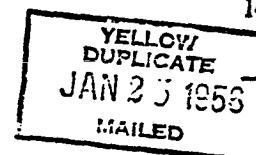
United States Attorney George R. Blue,
New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised our New Orleans
Office that he has written to the Department of Justice
suggesting that the witnesses in the above matters be
brought before the Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern
District of Louisiana. He advised that he is now
awaiting instructions from the Department in line with
his letter and he desired no investigation by this
Bureau until the Department replies either approving
or disapproving his suggestion of presenting above
matters to the Federal Grand Jury.

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Upon being furnished the above information and after discussion by Messrs. Caldwell, Putzel and Hubbard of these matters, Mr. Caldwell instructed that full investigations should be conducted in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] matters and that the United States Attorney should be contacted for whatever additional investigation he desires in the Perez case. Mr. Caldwell further requested that all pertinent witnesses in connection with the civil suits now pending in the [REDACTED] matter be interviewed.

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Our New Orleans Office has been instructed to conduct the requested investigations in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] matters and to contact the United States Attorney in the Perez matter for his views as to additional investigation. You will be furnished reports reflecting the results of investigations conducted when same are received from our New Orleans Office.

NOTE: New Orleans Office has been instructed by teletype 1/24/56, to conduct investigation and contact the USA in accordance with Department instructions.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Jan. 20, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED] et al - VICTIMS
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Congressman Hebert (D., Louisiana) returned from New Orleans where he went for the elections on Tuesday. He told me on Thursday that he had had a long talk with Perez and has him quieted down. He does not think from what Perez has told him that Perez is involved in any of these civil rights cases.

Eddie inquired if we made any additional investigation if we would interview Perez. I told him that we obviously would. He stated that he had told Perez himself that if Perez had not done anything improper as he claimed, that Perez should take the initiative and call at the Bureau and offer his cooperation and furnish such information as he has.

Eddie Hebert told me that they have a run-off election February 21, which would include candidates for the state legislature, judge and other local offices and he obviously is trying to avoid having any publicity stirred up.

I told Eddie I had occasion to look into the matters we previously discussed and the situation was exactly as I told him I thought that it was; namely, that both instances we had merely acknowledged we were making an inquiry. With reference to the Jesuit Bend case, the first publicity started from an announcement by the Department and then both the United States Attorney and the SAC confirmed we were making an inquiry.

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, [REDACTED]
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ADDENDUM: LBN 1/23/56

On the late afternoon of 1/20/56, Congressman Hebert called. He stated he had talked to U. S. Attorney Blue who informed him that the Department was pushing the investigation of Perez; that he would see what he could do to prevent the investigation becoming involved in the run-off election on 2/21/56. Hebert raised the question with Blue as to whether Perez should come in and make his explanations. Blue told him that he thought this would be an excellent idea. Hebert talked to Perez. Perez told Hebert that he was going to call upon Blue and the FBI in New Orleans on Monday and furnish all information he has bearing upon the situation down there.

*So far as FBI is
concerned we must go
right ahead in the investigation
& allow no delay to arise.*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

FBI, NEW ORLEANS
DIRECTOR, FBI

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CASE WILL BE INSTITUTED BY FIRST CONTACTING THE TWO ATTORNEYS
HANDLING CIVIL CASES TO DETERMINE THE FULL NAMES AND PRESENT
ADDRESSES OF THE PLAINTIFFS. REVIEW OF FILES USDC, NEW
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PLAQUEMINES PARISH. FORTY INDIVIDUALS ARE LISTED AS PLAINTIFFS
IN [REDACTED] CASES. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WILL
INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH LEANDER PEREZ AND SUBJECT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PEREZ [REDACTED] WILL
BE NOTIFIED [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION BEING INSTITUTED. IN

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PEREZ CASE INVESTIGATION OUTLINED BY USA CONSISTS OF
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COLORED CHILDREN WHO WERE EJECTED FROM CHURCH, RE-
INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] TWO AGENTS ARE

HANDLING THE CURRENT PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND
AS SOON AS FULL SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION IS DETERMINED,
PARTICULARLY LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF PLAINTIFFS IN

[REDACTED] CASE, AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AND
ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION WILL BE FURNISHED BY TELETYPE.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

February 2, 1956

Director, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-32-254, HP)
(Bureau file 44-9732)

Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 25, 1956.

Leander Perez, Prosecuting Attorney,
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed on
January 30, 1956, by Agents of our New Orleans Office.
He denies any connection with the matter entitled
"Civil Rights." Et Al; [REDACTED] - Victim,
[REDACTED]

Perez advised that he has requested the
investigation be discontinued at the Washington level
and expects "FBI to be called off this investigation."

The above is furnished for your information
and further details of the interview with Perez will
be submitted when same are received from our New Orleans
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NOTE:

Department by memorandum dated January 24, 1956,
requested USA be contacted for desired investigation.
USA requested full investigation. Matter is presently
under investigation and Bureau deadline is set at 2/6/56.

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TITLE OF CASE <u>CHANGED</u> LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7C aka. [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS <i>EE pp 1, 2</i>	
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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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The following description of LEANDER PEREZ was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name
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Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Hair

LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.
White
Male
Approximately sixty
5' 8"
170 pounds
Black, graying

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Appearance
Occupation

Residence

Very Good
Attorney, 2307 American Bank
Building, and District Attorney,
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

The following descriptions of the victims were obtained
from observation and interrogation:

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GEORGE R. BLUE, U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, on February 3, 1956, advised that he desired to review the report in this case before rendering an opinion.

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All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted upon the instructions of WARREN OLNEY, III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

Signed statements were not obtained from the children who are listed as victims in this case in view of their tender age.

United States Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE advised he could see no purpose in interviewing [REDACTED] b7C, who would possibly be the woman who complained to PEREZ. He advised this would have no bearing on the case.

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THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7C 12/15/55, New Orleans.

January 31, 1956

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LEANDER PEREZ; ①
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On January 30, 1956, LEANDER PEREZ was interviewed at his
office, 2307 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, by SA's

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For the information of the Bureau, PEREZ is District Attorney in Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

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Since he has been District Attorney, gambling flourished in St. Bernard Parish and continued to operate openly, with four of the largest casinos in the state, until 1953, at which time the casinos were closed by the State Police. PEREZ has sponsored both Congressman F. EDWARD HEBERT and

DIRECTOR, FBI
January 31, 1956

Senator ALLEN J. ELLENBER. There appears to be some evidence that PEREZ is losing political power in St. Bernard Parish in view of the fact that Sheriff NICHOLAS P. TRIST, whom he opposed in the recent campaign, was re-elected Sheriff. However, all of PEREZ' candidates were overwhelmingly elected in Plaquemines Parish.

During the interview with PEREZ, he stated that he has requested the investigation be discontinued at Washington level and stated that he expects the FBI investigation will be called off.

It is the impression of the Agents conducting the interview of LEANDER PEREZ that he is a man completely obsessed with his opposition of the Federal Government, the Supreme Court of the United States, and his opposition to any integration of the races. It is not felt that any purpose could or would be served in attempting to discuss these matters further with PEREZ. It was observed that he is completely engrossed in his own ideas and opinions, and anyone or anything that is not in complete agreement with him is either a Communist or a Communist tool.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

February 10, 1956

Director, FBI

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LEANDER PEREZ;
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(Your Reference 144-32-254, HP)
(Bureau File 44-9732)

Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 25, 1956, captioned as above.

On January 30, 1956, Leander Perez was interviewed
at his office, 2307 American Bank Building, New Orleans,
Louisiana, by Special Agents of our New Orleans Office.

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Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 2/3/56, in
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DIRECTOR, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.; [REDACTED], ET AL - VICTIMS, CW.

Rebuairtel 2-27-56.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE, EILA, advised this date that he is engaged in the trial of several important cases and that he will not have an opportunity to render an opinion in this case before Friday, March 9, 1956.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

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(Your reference 44-32-254 HP)

March 6, 1956

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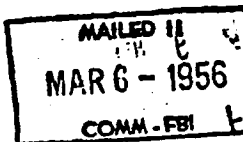
United States Attorney George R. Blue of the Eastern District of Louisiana, advised on March 1, 1956, that he is presently engaged in a trial of several important cases and he will not have an opportunity to render an opinion in this matter before Friday, March 9, 1956.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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LEANDER PEREZ, SR.;
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Re New Orleans airtel dated 3/1/56.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE, Eastern District of Louisiana,
advised on 3/9/56 that he has not completed his review of
this case. He stated that he will submit his opinion to
the Department on 3/12 or 3/13/56.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

March 15, 1956

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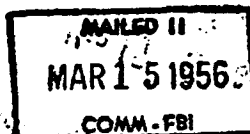
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United States Attorney George R. Blue, Eastern
District of Louisiana, advised our New Orleans Office on
March 9, 1956, that he had not completed his review of
this case. He stated that he would submit his opinion to
the Department of Justice on March 12 or 13, 1956.

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USA GEORGE BLUE advised he has not received
an opinion in this case and does not expect to be in a
position to give an opinion until approximately March 23.
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Reurairtel 3/15/56.

It is not clear from reairtel whether the USA has submitted his opinion to the Department and is awaiting a reply or whether he has not yet expressed his views in this matter and will not do so until March 23, 1956.

In the event the USA has expressed his views to the Department in this matter, you should obtain those views and immediately advise the Bureau. You should maintain close contact with the USA until his views are obtained in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 22, 1956

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ReBuairtel March 19, 1956.

USA has not submitted his opinion to the Department.
USA's views will be obtained and submitted to the
Bureau as soon as a conclusion is reached by USA.
Contact being maintained with USA.

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Date: March 26, 1956

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USA GEORGE R. BLUE, Eastern District of Louisiana, advised today that he contemplates contacting the Department and discussing this case orally with the Department officials about April 8, 1956, when in Washington.

Contact is being maintained with USA, who advised he has not as yet submitted written recommendation to the Department.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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Director, FBI

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(Your reference 144-32-254 HP)

Reference is made to my memorandum of
March 15, 1956.

United States Attorney George R. Blue,
Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana,
advised a Special Agent of our New Orleans Office on
March 26, 1956, that he contemplates contacting the
Department and discussing this case orally with Department
officials about April 8, 1956, when in Washington.

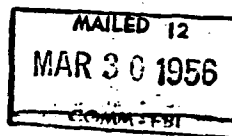
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USA Mr. GEORGE R. BLUE advised on 5/9/56, that he has written the department requesting permission to close this investigation. He advised he is now waiting for a reply from the department authorizing the case to be closed and upon receipt of this letter he will notify this office.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

Synopsis:

The Department of Justice advised no additional investigation desired.

DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

By memo dated May 4, 1956 Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY III advised that U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE conferred with the Department on April 18, 1956 and it was mutually agreed that no further action will be taken in these cases and that no additional investigation is desired.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Contact was maintained with U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE, Eastern District of Louisiana, on March 1, 9, 15, 22, 26; April 20; May 9, 10, 1956, in an effort to obtain his opinion regarding this case.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] **b7C** New Orleans, 2/3/56.
New Orleans air-tel to Bureau, 5/10/56.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Parishioners Reiterate Views

Members Vote Opposition to Negro Pastor

Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in the Belle Chasse, Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove areas Tuesday night voted almost unanimously to present a resolution to their pastor reiterating their stand against the appointment of a Negro pastor.

The group of several hundred parishioners met at the Belle Chasse auditorium. The meeting was followed by another meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Citizens Council.

The meetings followed the reading of a letter from Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel in church Sunday in which he threatened excommunication to the entire parish if they did not accept "any priest" assigned to the church. The archbishop's letter was followed Monday by a letter from the Rev. Clement Meyer, S. M., pastor of the church, asking parishioners to sign a statement of submission to the archbishop's wishes.

Several of the parishioners declared at the meeting their intentions of not signing the statement.

The statement reads: "In conformity with the teachings of the church on the dignity of the priesthood and the dignity of the human person I regret the offenses committed in our community against this teaching. Henceforth I will accept any priest appointed to give us Sunday masses and other services."

The statement was printed on cards enclosed in the letter from Fr. Meyer.

Members of the congregation called the archbishop's letter "a threat" and said it was "up to the people" to solve the threat.

They said they were "astounded, disappointed and couldn't believe they could ever have received such a message."

One parishioner assured the group that as long as they believe in what is right God would be with them.

A tentative resolution drawn up by the group stated that Catholic people of Belle Chasse, Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove are dedicated to the maintenance of segregation or the separation of races in all matters which affect their families and that they must be unyielding against any effort made to desegregate or impose any person of the colored race upon them which would give him any spiritual, social or personal contact with members of their families.

It stated they felt sincere in their stand for the principle of segregation and felt that it was wrong being associated with religion.

CDistrict Attorney Leander H. Perez of Plaquemines parish branded as "Communist inspired" the movement toward desegregation. Perez was a speaker at the citizen's council meeting held after the parish meeting. He said the platform of the NAACP today is "identical with that of the Communist party in the 1920s with regard to racial issues."

He said the only way to combat the integration movement is to organize and make the weight of public opinion felt.

It's our aim to organize 50,000 white people in the Greater

New Orleans area into the citizen's council and in the next Legislature to outlaw that Communist-inspired organization," Perez said. "You would have the pressure taken off you right now if we had 50,000 members in this area."

Perez cited a book published by the Catholic Committee of the South named "Segregation in Catholic Schools" as containing Communist brain washing. The book, which he called a "per-

verted composition," has been distributed among priests and nuns in the New Orleans area.

Dr. Emmett L. Irwin, who spoke briefly, had cited the mingling of colored and white children would present a health problem. He said there would be a spread "of disease and vermin." He also said integration would mean the "mongrelization of races."

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Rummel Denies Ouster Threat In Plaquemines

Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel said today he did not threaten to excommunicate rebellious Catholics in Plaquemines parish but warned them that there was such a possibility if they continue to refuse to allow a Negro priest to say mass.

"There is a possibility of excommunication, particularly of the leaders," said the archbishop today.

He said however that the letter to parishioners from the Rev. Clement S. Meyer, S. M., pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, might have been interpreted as a threat of excommunication.

Father Meyer's parish includes the Belle Chasse, Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove areas.

Members Meet

Members of the parish met last night and voted unanimously to present a resolution to their pastor, reiterating their stand against appointment of a Negro priest to the area.

They refused last October to allow a Negro priest to say mass in the mission chapel of St. Cecilia at Jesuit Bend.

The archbishop then refused to assign any priest to the mission until parishioners agreed to accept whoever was assigned.

This past Sunday, Father Meyer read from the pulpit a letter from the archbishop in which the prelate declared:

"It is our earnest desire to restore services in the mission chapel of St. Cecilia . . . but we must first receive from your leaders an expression of sincere sorrow over the grievous offense which they committed by refusing to permit the Rev. Father Gerard Lewis to celebrate holy mass . . . and inciting you to resist the lawful authority of the church . . ."

That letter was followed by one from Father Meyer yesterday in which the pastor asked his parishioners to sign a statement. Here is part of the letter:

"This letter is not intended to antagonize. We are facing a very serious danger of losing the privilege of receiving the sacraments. . . . We are in danger of excommunication. This is a matter of our holy faith. It is a doctrine to which all must submit; else we come liable to the penalty of personal excommunication."

Here is the statement which Father Meyer asked each parishioner to sign:

"In conformity with the teachings of the church on the dignity of the priesthood and the dignity of the human person I regret the offenses committed in our community against this teaching.

"Henceforth I will accept any priest appointed to give us Sunday masses and other services."

Draft Resolutions
Members of the congregation who met in the Belle Chasse auditorium last night drew up a tentative resolution in which they said they are dedicated to the maintenance of segregation or the separation of races in all matters which affect their families.

They said they must be unyielding against any effort made to desegregate or impose any person of the colored race upon them which would give him any spiritual, social or personal contact with members of their families.

District attorney Leader Perez spoke and said a book published by the Catholic Committee of the South and distributed among priests and nuns contained "Communist brain-washing."

The name of the book is "Egregation in Catholic Schools."

Dr. Emmett L. Irwin spoke briefly and said mingling of white and colored school children would present a health problem. He said there would be a spread "of disease and vermin."

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THREATS DENIED BY ARCHBISHOP

Prelate Releases Letter on Negro Priest Matter

Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel said Wednesday he did not threaten recalcitrant parishioners in Plaquemines parish with excommunication.

His remarks came after a mass meeting Tuesday night of parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, whose several hundred members balked at the appointment of a Negro priest to assist with masses.

Members of the Catholic parish who spoke at the meeting expressed the opinion that the archbishop had threatened excommunication in a letter which he directed be read in the church last Sunday.

The archbishop said the letter "was written in the spirit of conciliation rather than to antagonize."

And he said that the parishioners may have seen that a letter by the Rev. Clement Meyer, S. M., pastor of the church, was a threat.

Father Meyer on Monday said in a letter to church members that "we are in danger of excommunication" and that "there is a grave danger that if we do not respond to the archbishop's letter of last Sunday, the severest penalty of the church will be meted out to all of us."

Letter Made Public

Archbishop Rummel Wednesday made public the letter he had prepared for the members of the congregation of Belle Chasse and the affiliated missions of Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove.

Archbishop Rummel said there are no threats contained in the letter, but it had, rather, the church's estimate of priesthood.

In the letter the archbishop said, "we have no desire or intention to appoint a Negro priest permanently in your area, but we must receive your assurances that, if we find it necessary to send such a priest to give you the blessings of

Sunday mass or other services, you will receive him with the reverence and confidence which are due to his holy office as a priest of God."

The archbishop halted services at Jesuit Bend in October and curtailed services at Belle Chasse and Myrtle Grove after the parishioners turned away Rev. Gerard Lewis, a Negro priest assigned to the church.

Archbishop Rummel said Wednesday it was never intended to replace the parish priest with a Negro but that Father Lewis was to assist in giving the parishioners a sufficient number of masses for their needs.

Only Available Priest

"Father Lewis was the only available priest we had to send at the time," the archbishop said. "It was Father Lewis or nobody at that time. And we felt that the wish for a mass was superior to any other consideration."

Father Meyer, in his letter Monday, asked parishioners to sign an enclosed card addressed to the archbishop in which stated:

"In conformity with the teaching of the church on the dignity of the priesthood and the dignity of the human person I regret the offenses committed in our community against this teaching. Henceforth, I will accept any priest appointed to give us Sunday mass and other services."

At Tuesday's meeting, held in the Belle Chasse auditorium, several parishioners declared they did not intend to sign the cards. And they voted almost unanimously to present a resolution to their pastor reiterating their stand against the appointment of a Negro pastor.

Text of Letter

Following is the text of Archbishop Rummel's letter to the congregation of Belle Chasse and affiliated missions at Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove:

"Once more we appeal to you in the spirit of charity to consider prayerfully the teaching of our Holy Catholic Church about the dignity of every true priest of God and the respect and confidence which we owe to his person and services.

"Holy Mother Church selects worthy young men of every nation, every race and every color who give signs of a priestly vocation in the qualities of mind and heart that are essential in a true priest of God. With equal solicitude she trains and educates all candidates without exception over a long period or twelve years in the minor

and major seminaries; when the bishop lays his hands upon them and anoints the man the Sacrament of Holy Orders, every one of them becomes another Christ, sharing the priesthood of Christ and gifted with the powers which Christ gave to His Apostles.

"From the moment of his ordination, the priest has the mission to preach the Word of God, whether his countenance be white or black, yellow or brown; he has the mandate to raise souls to the dignity of children of God in Baptism, whether the hand that holds the shell of water be dark or light; he has the power to forgive sin to contrite hearts whether the absolving words come from the lips of a native of Europe or of America, of Asia or Africa; the fingers that clasp the bread and the hands that elevate the chalice of wine may be white or colored, but that bread becomes the Body of Christ, that wine becomes the Blood of Christ when the priest pronounces the sacred words: 'This is My Body . . . This is My Blood.' The Holy Mass which you attend is the same sacrifice which Christ instituted, whether the celebrant be light-skinned, but you may lose its benefits by unholy thoughts about 'the color line; whether in Holy Communion the Sacred Host is laid upon your tongue by a priest of your own or of another color, it still remains the true Body and Blood, the true Soul and Divinity of Christ, but beware lest you change its effects in your soul by harboring color prejudices!

Priestly Dignity

"From all this we see clearly why our Holy Church has, down through the ages, never hesitated to educate and train worthy men of every race and nationality to the holy priesthood, and why truly Catholic people have accepted with reverence and confidence the services of every priest duly vouched for by the proper ecclesiastical authority. Our Catholic people know that in the Mass and at the Communion Table, in the pulpit and in the confessional, at the Baptismal font and at the bedside of the sick, it is the Sacrament of the Priesthood that gives dignity and power to the priest and not the racial ex-

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pression of his countenance or the color of his hands. This truly Catholic understanding of the priestly dignity was demonstrated at a great religious function in Washington only two weeks ago. Our illustrious Apostolic Delegate, who is Italian by birth, celebrated the Solemn Mass marking the golden jubilee of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. In the beautiful chapel of Trinity College there were present almost two hundred Bishops and Archbishops with many Monsignori and priests; in the sanctuary six Cardinals occupied equal thrones; four of these were our own American Cardinals, the fifth was a native of India and the sixth was of Chinese birth. This same Catholic mindedness shows itself here in our own Archdiocese of New Orleans, even in the churches of smaller towns, where so-called colored priests are received with respect when they celebrate Holy Mass, hear confessions, preach the Word of God and perform other priestly services for white or mixed congregations.

Asks for Expression

"From all this you will understand why we appeal again to you, our dearly beloved sons and daughters in Christ, to accept the Catholic mind and attitude towards the priests who may be sent to minister to you. It is our earnest desire to restore services in the mission chapel of St. Cecelia in Jesuit Bend and to increase the number of masses in Belle Chasse and Myrtle Grove, but we must first receive from your leaders an expression of sincere sorrow over the grievous offense which they committed by refusing to permit the Rev. Father Gerard Lewis to celebrate Holy Mass in Jesuit Bend on Sunday, Oct. 2, and by inciting you to resist the lawful authority of the church. We must further receive evidence that you, the devoted parishioners, regret what has happened and that you are willing to accept the services of any priest whom we consider it necessary to send. We have no desire or intention to appoint a Negro priest permanently in your area, but we must receive him with the reverence and confidence which are due to his holy office as a priest of God.

Asks Open Minds

"We trust that you will receive this appeal of your shepherd in Christ, speaking to you in the charity of Christ and out of a heart that has a deep concern for your souls. In the same spirit of charity we plead with your leaders to open their minds to truth and to let justice and charity take the place of hatred and prejudice in their

hearts. Only in this way can all of you look forward to the holy feast of Christmas with confidence that "the peace among men of good will" about which God's holy angels sang over the plains of Bethlehem, when Christ the Savior was born, will be your true Christmas gift. Unless you right the wrong that has been done to your colored brethren, to Father Lewis, to religion and to Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save

ALL men without exception, you cannot expect to have peace and true happiness on Christmas day. Remember the words of Jesus: "If thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother has anything against thee, leave thy gift before the altar and go first to be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

"Let us unite in prayer during this Advent Season, especially on the feast of and during the octave of the Immaculate Conception of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace, that by God's grace you may see the Catholic way to true peace in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all men.

"In the hope that we may soon hear favorably from you we pray that peace of Christ Jesus may descend upon you and abide always with you and all your loved ones and upon every home in your area, colored and white."

Text of Fr. Meyer's letter follows:

"This letter is not intended to antagonize. We are facing the very serious danger of losing the privilege of receiving the Sacraments, of Christian burial and other privileges of the church. We are in danger of excommunication.

"Through frequent communications from Our Beloved archbishop,

we've been told in clear terms the church's stand on the Dignity of the Priesthood and the dignity of the human person, irrespective of race, color or nationality. We as Catholics cannot continue to bypass the church's teaching as outlined to us. We cannot continue to overlook and avoid the request against the Priesthood and the human person committed in our community.

There is grave danger that if we do not respond to the archbishop's

letter of last Sunday, the severest penalty of the church will be meted out to all of us.

"To make it easy, I'm enclosing a card in this letter containing the matter to which all of us must submit. Please sign the card and return it to me in a sealed envelope.

"This is a matter of Our Holy Faith. It is a doctrine to which all must submit, else we become liable to the penalty of personal excommunication."

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Probe Completed At Jesuit Bend

Investigation of the Jesuit Bend incident involving a Negro priest has been completed and turned over to the justice department in Washington, the FBI in New Orleans disclosed today.

If there was a violation of the priest's civil rights, the justice department will ask US District Attorney George Blue to prosecute the case in federal district court here, said FBI officials.

The Negro priest was rebuffed last October by parishioners as he prepared to say mass at St. Cecilia's mission in Jesuit Bend in Plaquemines parish.

They refused to allow him to say mass and demanded that Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel send them another priest. The archbishop has pointed out that he did not intend to assign a Negro priest permanently to the mission, but insisted that parishioners accept whatever priest is sent there.

When inhabitants of the area reaffirmed their decision to reject any Negro priest, the archbishop suspended masses at the mission.

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Desegregation Forum A Success

IN a commendable display of good common sense the Orleans Parish School Board last week brushed aside an attempted "road block" of citizens of the community interested in discussing the problems of desegregation in a calm and intelligent way in a public school auditorium. By a 4 to 1 vote a citizens group was permitted by the Board to schedule a series of public forums on desegregation of schools. The first public forum was held last Thursday night at Rabouin School Auditorium. The Rev. Allen Hackett, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of St. Louis, spoke on how that community prepared itself for racial integration in the schools.

It was most refreshing to hear an expression of positive, intelligent and constructive views on how a more mature community met the problem. After the sickening daily dose of claptrap from gubernatorial candidates "knuckling" under for votes on how they are going to "organize," "defy" and "ignore" the United States Supreme Court in this matter the Rev. Hackett was all the more interesting and made a whole lot more sense.

A quick comparison of what the gubernatorial candidates say on this subject and what the Rev. Hackett said give a keen insight as to why people generally have so little faith in politicians; why so few men of integrity are candidates for public office.

The Rev. Hackett told a most interesting story of how the whole community, being composed largely of law abiding and intelligent citizens with the will and determination, accomplished the job of integration with a minimum of incidents because there was a maximum of cooperation and good will.

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Stressed was the fact that there was a competent, intelligent and firm school administration, community groups with "know how" in the field of human relations and a statesmanlike press that helped prepare the "climate" for acceptance of integration.

From almost any standpoint the meeting was a success. At long last the community began traveling in the right direction, one that would be expected of intelligent, law abiding citizens. Obviously we need a lot of preparation. It is our sincere hope that those who are sincerely interested will follow through with the Citizens Forum on Integration and contribute freely and liberally to the group so that more speakers may be brought here to tell us how integration has worked. Checks, money orders, etc., may be mailed to Citizen's Forum on Integration, P. O. Box 1101.

In the St. Louis story on integration the Catholic Church was credited with playing a very dominant role. Locally the Catholic Church is also playing a prominent role. The apparent difference appears that the "white supremacy boss" Leander

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Perez has more influence than the Archbishop. For the past three weeks Catholic parishioners have publicly opposed the Archbishop's announced plans of integrating Catholic schools in '56. Maybe they fear ex-communication from Perez's "high command" more so than from the Archbishop.

The New Orleans story is particularly interesting, for before all the talk about integration, most of us thought (comparatively speaking), we had a pretty fair community-race relations wise. Now we are not so sure. The "Race Hate" boys have obviously been working overtime preparing the community for a total breakdown in race relations.

The best thing that could have happened to New Orleans is the inauguration of the Citizen's Forum on Integration. Maybe we'll get out of the rut and shake off the peddlers of race hate who are crippling our fair city. We need to get out into the sunshine of "peace and good will to all mankind." People of character, intelligence and good will are not led around by the nose by a handful of racial bigots. We are on the side of God and the law. Let's act accordingly.

Integration Fight Pledged By Perez

District Attorney Leander H. Perez, in a bitter attack on the antisegregation ruling of the US supreme court, called for a showdown against the recent desegregation rulings in the district court here.

Perez told the Gentilly Citizens' Council last night that he wants men in responsible positions to join him in facing contempt charges in violation of the local court orders.

Labeling the high court today's "greatest menace to liberty and constitutional government," Perez charged that the three federal judges who recently ordered the Orleans parish school board to integrate public schools were "acting under orders from Washington."

Asks for Showdown

He added:

"Until we find men in responsible positions in the state government willing . . . to be charged with criminal contempt in violation of one of the court orders, we won't have a showdown."

He said he is willing to face such charges because he is confident no Southern jury would convict him for standing up for the rights of the people.

Perez was principal speaker at the meeting of the prosegregation organization at 4720 Painters.

He also attacked a recent editorial in Catholic Action of the South, official publication of the Catholic archdiocese, in which Catholics were reminded they face excommunication if they support legislation upholding segregation.

Cites Red Infiltration

"The Communists," he said, "have infiltrated into religious bodies just the same as Communists have infiltrated into the government."

And he added that the supreme court in Washington has "simply turned over to the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) every district court in the nation."

The district court in New Orleans did not consider any of the evidence in the case in which it ruled against the parish school board, he contended.

Richard Clark, president of the Gentilly Terrace Dads' Club, also spoke at the program. Council chairman L. P. Davis Jr. presided.

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SUPREME COURT CALLED MENACE

Jefferson's Fears Come to Pass, Perez Says

The United States supreme court is today the nation's greatest menace to liberty and constitutional government, Leander H. Perez, district attorney for St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes, said Friday night.

He was principal speaker at a meeting of the Gentilly Citizens' Council at the Gentilly Terrace school, 4720 Painters. L. P. Davis Jr., council chairman, presided.

Thomas Jefferson, Perez said, warned of the strength of the supreme court and wondered what recourse there would be if the high court usurped powers not granted it by the Constitution.

"And now," Perez said, "his predictions, his fears have come to pass. Today the supreme court undoubtedly is the greatest menace to liberty and constitutional government . . ."

Called Unconstitutional

He said that the court's decision regulating the states' schools has sounded the death knell to individual freedom of the people.

"What right has the court to tell you that you must submit your children to racial integration, when that same court previously has held that (regulation of internal affairs) has been reserved to the states?" Perez asked.

Perez called the supreme court rulings unconstitutional.

"The supreme court has simply turned over to the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and other Communist-front organizations every district court in the nation," Perez charged in discussing local segregation-integration suits.

Judges who handed down a recent decision holding segregation

laws invalid in a case against the Orleans parish school board were acting under orders from Washington, Perez said, and "did not consider any part" of evidence presented by the school board.

He added that an order for New Orleans schools to stop segregation "in a year or two" violates the law. An injunction, Perez said, must take effect immediately.

Ready to Stand Charges

"Until we find men in responsible positions in the state government willing . . . to be charged with criminal contempt in violation of one of the court orders," Perez said, "we won't have a showdown."

He said he would be willing to stand such charges if he could find any school board that would join him. No Southern jury, he said, would convict a man for standing up for the right of the people.

In referring to recent Catholic action against segregation, Perez said "the Communists have infiltrated into religious bodies just the same as Communists have infiltrated into the government."

Speaking briefly on the program was Richard Clark, president of the Gentilly Terrace Dad's Club.

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Integration Poe May Get Inquiry Post

Perez Considered
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Davis refused to confirm or deny the report, saying he will issue a statement only after his Subcommittee meets Thursday. Perez said he would confer with Subcommittee members Thursday in Washington.

Perez said he did not know anything about staff arrangements for the investigation, scheduled to begin this week. It was learned, however, that James M. Thomson, a 30-year-old Alexandria attorney, is being considered for a staff post.

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If he received the appointment, Perez said, he would keep "an open mind to find facts that justify conclusions." Asked whether he believed an investigation is necessary, he replied: "The committee must feel there is grounds for an investigation."

The five-man subcommittee was set up to investigate alleged "lowered standards" in the schools and "juvenile delinquency" here. The action was suggested by Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.), who was named to the group.

While in Washington, Perez said, he hopes to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee "against those so-called civil rights bills."

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Integration Foe Slated To Be School Quiz Aide

Appointment of Leander H. Perez, Louisiana State official and an opponent of school integration, as chief counsel to House investigators of the District schools, is expected to be announced Thursday.

The District schools' investigation is to be made by a House District subcommittee. The subcommittee's announced aims are to look into juvenile delinquency and lowered standards in the schools.

Mr. Davis said in Baton Rouge, La., today that he heard he was being considered for the subcommittee counsel post and had talked about it by telephone with Representative Davis, Democrat of Louisiana. He said he is not a candidate for the job, "but if I can be of service I'll consider it."

Mr. Davis said today he does not want to make any statement about Mr. Perez' appointment until after the subcommittee meets Thursday.

Read of Problems Here

Mr. Perez said he had read of the problems of school integration in the District, but had not investigated them himself. He said a couple of months ago he asked someone who had been recommended to him—he said he did not recall the name—to make an investigation of the school situation here. He said he had not received a report.

Asked about his interest in the matter, he said:

"Everybody is interested. This is an innovation in government, the first time in history an attempt is being made to use the coercive powers of the Government to force integration."

Mr. Perez is district attorney in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes (counties) in Southern Louisiana. He was formerly head of the States' rights movement in Louisiana.

Promises Open Mind

He said that if he is appointed to the post here he would keep an open mind in the finding of facts on which conclusions could be based.

The State Legislature is in session at Baton Rouge and Mr. Perez said that is the occasion for his visit there. He added that he intends to visit Washington and would testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposition to the civil rights bill.



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Mr. Perez has been described as the lone remaining political boss in Louisiana and a benevolent dictator, with stress on "dictator" — in his bailiwick, Plaquemines Parish.

He also has been called a wizard when it comes to bringing about the results he wants in politics. He is rated one of the most able constitutional lawyers in the country. One description is that he is a fiery man of strong likes and dislikes and in nowise lacking in courage.

Known as "the Judge"

In Louisiana when you refer to "the Judge" only one person is meant—Mr. Perez. He was formerly judge in the district which includes St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes where he is now district attorney. In St. Bernard, however, his rule is not absolute; he has to divide it with a competitor.

He has been described as the brains behind the tidelands oil fight, and that covered the national effort as well as that in Louisiana. He is also said to have master minded the Dixie fight of 1948 when four

States voted for Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina instead of Harry S. Truman.

Plaquemines Parish is described as perhaps the richest in Louisiana. It has valuable sulphur deposits and most of the tidelands oil is off its extensive shores.

Thomas L. Stokes, writing in The Star in August, 1949, said Mr. Perez is "heavy in oil," and continued:

"He owns royalties all over his Louisiana domain. He combines business and politics in a way of life that has made him both rich and powerful. . . . He runs a virtual dictatorship which . . . puts other famous bosses—the Hagues, Pendergasts and Crumps—in the shade . . ."

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Perez Refuses School Probe Counsel Post

Chairman Davis of the House District Subcommittee planning to investigate juvenile delinquency and Washington's public schools today announced that Leander Perez, Louisiana political leader, has requested that the subcommittee not appoint him as counsel.

Mr. Davis, Democrat of Georgia, said he had received a telegram from Mr. Perez saying that pressure of other business would keep him from accepting the post.

Mr. Perez had been considered as counsel of the subcommittee. Mr. Davis said, indicating that Perez would have been appointed if he had not withdrawn.

Asked when his subcommittee may select someone else, the Georgian said he had fixed no date for the next meeting.

"We have several prospects on our list, however," Mr. Davis said.

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Six Others Ask for Job

Perez Turns Down Offer Of School Inquiry Post

By Eve Edstrom
Staff Reporter

Leander Perez, powerful school situation in Washington, D. C., impels me to request you to consider appointment of committee counsel other than myself.

Rep. James C. Davis (D-Ga.), who heads the House District Subcommittee which is planning the investigation, said he had unsolicited applications from six other lawyers who want the job. Davis would not reveal their names and gave no indication when the inquiry would begin.

Perez, reached in Baton Rouge, La., released the contents of a telegram he sent to Davis yesterday. The telegram confirmed a July 4 telephone conversation with Davis and advised that:

"Pressure of important public business here weighed with the fact that your subcommittee can secure well-qualified counsel to represent it in the investigation of interracial

"I appreciate your subcommittee's consideration and assure you of my fullest cooperation in your important undertaking and best wishes for accomplishment in the public welfare."

Perez explained that as District Attorney of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes (counties) in southern Louisiana, he now was busy with "legislative and other local matters of public importance."

He added that he would be glad to be of service to the subcommittee but not in an official capacity.

When Perez' appointment was rumored earlier this week, it also was learned that James M. Thomson, a 30-year-old Alexandria attorney, was being considered for a staff post. Thomson yesterday said he was "not at liberty" to discuss such an appointment.

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(CIVIL RIGHTS)

THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS STUDYING
 REPORTS OF IRREGULARITIES IN ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE LOUISIANA
 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY DEC. 5.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAD RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM PLAQUEMINES
 PARISH.

THE COMPLAINTS ARE UNDER STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT SAID, TO SEE
 WHETHER AN INVESTIGATION IS WARRANTED.

A SECOND PRIMARY WILL BE HELD JAN. 9, TO DETERMINE THE WINNER FOR
 THE GOVERNORSHIP. NEW ORLEANS MAYOR DE LESSEPS S. MORRISON AND
 FORMER GOV. JIMMIE DAVIS WILL OPPOSE EACH OTHER IN THE RUNOFF.
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U.S. Sifts Absentee Vote in Plaquemines

(States-Item Washington Bureau)
 WASHINGTON—The U. S. department of justice said today it is investigating absentee voting in Plaquemines parish for possible civil rights violations.

Joseph M. Ryan Jr., acting assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights, confirmed that he has received a report on Plaquemines voting from M. Hepburn Many, U. S. attorney in New Orleans.

The report contains complaints by Plaquemines citizens. The nature of the complaints was not disclosed.

An unusually high percentage of absentee ballots were cast in the Dec. 5 primary.

In civil rights cases, the federal government is concerned with the rights of voters to have their ballots properly recorded, and with those of candidates to be credited with all ballots cast in their behalf.

640 Absentees
 Tally sheets in the Louisiana secretary of state's office in Baton Rouge show that a

total of 640 Plaquemines voters cast absentee ballots in the primary. This is more than 11 per cent of the 5704 voters who voted.

By comparison, Orleans parish voters cast 1993 absentee votes, one per cent of the 169,705 votes cast.

In the absentee balloting in Plaquemines, gubernatorial candidate Jimmie Davis compiled 614 votes to 25 votes for Chep Morrison, a margin of 24 to one.

In total voting in Plaquemines, Davis led Morrison, 3822 to 1137, a margin of three to one.

Sheets Show Vote
 Tally sheets show the following absentee voting, precinct by precinct, in Plaque-

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Ward-Precinct	D	M	R
1-1	25	0	0
2-1	47	1	0
3-1	66	0	0
4-1	0	0	0
4-2	29	3	1
4-3	5	0	0
5-1	24	1	0
6-1	114	2	0
7-1	20	1	0
7-2	5	0	0
7-3	9	2	0
9-1	89	8	0
10-1	31	0	0
10-2	150	7	0
Totals	614	25	1

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Plaquemines Parish Com- plaints Are Cited

Complaints involving absentee ballots cast in the first Democratic primary in Plaquemines parish are presently under investigation by the department of justice in Washington, United States Atty. M. Hepburn Many said Thursday.

The federal prosecutor for the eastern district of Louisiana confirmed that a number of complaints concerning the unusually large number of absentee ballots cast in the parish were received by his office. He said that they have been studied and a report sent to Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr., acting assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights, to determine if there has been any violation of federal laws.

Many would not discuss the nature of the complaints, but said that they were made by a number of Plaquemines citizens after the Dec. 5 primary.

11 PER CENT OF VOTES

Records of the secretary of state's office in Baton Rouge show that 640 absentee ballots were cast in Plaquemines, representing over 11 per cent of the 5704 votes cast. By comparison, only 1993 absentee ballots were cast in Orleans parish, representing only 1 per cent of the total vote of 169,705.

In Plaquemines parish, gubernatorial candidate Jimmie H. Davis received 614 absentee votes, compared to only 25 for deLesseps S. Morrison. The total vote in Plaquemines gave Davis 3822 and Morrison 1137.

Leander H. Perez, Plaquemines district attorney and chairman of the parish Democratic committee, issued a statement defending the

legality of the absentee ballots. He said that the parish fears no federal investigation.

PEREZ STATEMENT

His statement in full follows: "Front page publicity is given in the afternoon States to a statement from the United States attorney general office in Washington and New Orleans that complaints by Plaquemines parish citizens (evidently a couple of disgruntled, defeated parish candidates with Chep Morrison's blessings) were made regarding absentee voting in the Dec. 5 primary election in Plaquemines parish showing a total of 640 absentee ballots cast.

"Unfortunately, more absentee ballots were not cast in Plaquemines parish because more than 1000 qualified electors in Plaquemines parish failed to vote, many of whom were out of the parish on election day.

"The absentee ballots were cast by a large number of Plaquemines parish voters who are engaged in offshore oil and sulphur operations outside the parish and some who are in the military service, besides others who are employed elsewhere and who expected to be out of the parish on election day.

URGED TO VOTE JAN. 9

"Under Louisiana law voters who expect to be out of the parish on election day have a right to vote absentee. This right cannot be denied them by a few sore heads who may make complaints to federal government agents, the same as they made complaints to the New Orleans district attorney's office before the first primary election, with the evident purpose of frightening qualified

voters from exercising their right to vote.

"We do not fear any investigation by federal attorneys. Our parish absentee ballots are preserved as required by state law by the clerk of court, ex officio parish custodian of voting machines. If any federal attorney desires to see them the clerk of court will be glad to make them available so they may be checked against the official tabulation of votes cast in the first primary.

"We again urge all voters in Plaquemines parish who expect to be out of the parish on election day Jan. 9, and who may lose their right to vote if they do not vote absentee to be sure to vote absentee and to vote solidly against Chep Morrison with his Jimmie Hoffa-NAACP Negro bloc combination.

"Plaquemines parish should be solidly against this sinister Morrison-Hoffa-NAACP threat to our peace, happiness and welfare and to Morrison's threatened interference in our parish affairs as he has openly declared."

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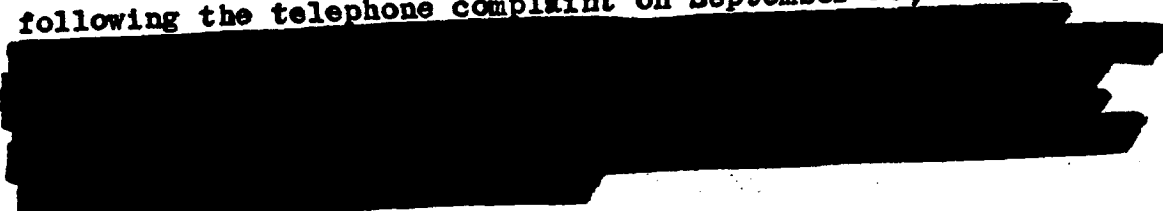
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NOTE: In a letter to the President (ccs to Director,
Attorney General and Roy Wilkins, NAACP)

requested an investigation of allegations that

It is
noted Leander P. [redacted] is noted segregationist, is the political
leader in Plaquemines Parish.

Bureau records indicate [redacted] contacted New Orleans
Office on 9/16/65, making original complaint and was requested
to furnish details as to original source of information so that
it may be reported.

A report dated 9/22/65,
was furnished to the Department which contained results of
interview with [redacted] containing allegations [redacted]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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The Attorney General

October 4, 1965

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL.;

ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

A copy of a letter dated September 27, 1965, which was designated for me addressed to the President from [REDACTED]

has been received. This letter concerns allegations that [REDACTED]

A report dated September 22, 1965, concerning this matter has been furnished to the Civil Rights Division.

I am enclosing information clarifying contacts by [REDACTED] with representatives of this Bureau relative to this matter which may be of interest to you.

This information has also been furnished to Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, The White House, Washington, D. C.

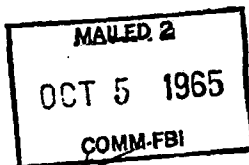
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. John Doar (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General

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See Rosen to Belmont memo, 10/4/65, same caption, [REDACTED]



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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

A copy of a letter dated September 27, 1965, which
was designated for me addressed to the President from

[REDACTED]
has been received. This letter concerns allegations

that [REDACTED]

I am enclosing information clarifying contacts by
[REDACTED] with representatives of this Bureau relative
to this matter which may be of interest to the President.

This information has also been furnished to the
Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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See memorandum Rosen to Belmont, dated 10/4/65,
captioned "Leander Perez, Et AL:
[REDACTED], Et AL. - Victims, etc."

Delivered personally to Mr. [REDACTED]
with [REDACTED] 10/5/65
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (44-2737) 4 P

LEANDER PEREZ; ET AL;

ET AL - VICTIMS, CR.

RE BUTEL PM, SEPTEMBER THIRTY.

IN ORDER TO CLARIFY STATEMENTS MADE BY

IN HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IS BEING SUBMITTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE
BUREAU:

REFERENCED TEL INDICATES THAT REPORTED THIS
MATTER TO SA ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST.

SA WAS NOT CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN. SA

WAS CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN

BY

BUT UNABLE TO FURNISH SPECIFIC DETAILS AS TO PERSONS OR
THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO CONDUCT
ANY INVESTIGATION WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY. (NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL
SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST).

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[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D
DID NOT CONTACT SA [REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN AND b7C
THE FILE DOES NOT REFLECT HE CONTACTED ANYONE ON THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] WAS
[REDACTED] REQUESTED b7C
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
TWO AGENTS CAME TO SEE HIM AT HIS OFFICE AS HE HAD THE
COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION THAT HE
HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU. SA [REDACTED]
IMMEDIATELY PREPARED A MEMORANDUM ON HIS CONVERSATION.

ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY, SA [REDACTED] WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT
[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY AND
REQUESTED HE TALK TO [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE,
AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT HIS
OFFICE AT TEN THIRTY AM, SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE LAST.
SA [REDACTED] WAS NOT CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE
LAST. ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE LAST,
[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY

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SA [REDACTED] WENT IMMEDIATELY TO MR. [REDACTED]'S OFFICE b7C
WITH ANOTHER AGENT. UPON ARRIVAL, MR. [REDACTED] AND A MR.
[REDACTED] WERE PRESENT. INTERVIEW OF TWO WITNESSES NOT
CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

THE ABOVE FACTS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY. MR. [REDACTED]
WHEN HE ORIGINALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE, DID NOT HAVE
SPECIFIC INFORMATION. WHEN HE DID HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION
AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE AT [REDACTED]'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE
FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT
THE VICTIMS IN QUESTION WERE ENROUTE TO THE NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE, THE MATTER WAS GIVEN TO THE AGENT WHO WAS HANDLING
THE CASE AND MR. [REDACTED] WAS SO ADVISED. THE ONLY TWO
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD SPECIFIC INFORMATION WERE INTERVIEWED.

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10/4/65

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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-2737)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL
ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurtel 10/1/65.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 9/27/65, addressed to the President, a copy of which was designated for the Director. Also enclosed is a copy of an LHM furnished to the White House and Attorney General by the Bureau concerning this matter. In setting forth the series of events concerning this matter it appears that [redacted] may be inferring that Agents of your office delayed in handling his complaint.

It is also noted that he claims he reported this matter to SA [redacted] on 9/18/65; however, retel states that he did not contact SA [redacted] on 9/18/65, and your file does not reflect he contacted anyone on that date. Your tel also indicated that as soon as [redacted] advised he had specific details of this matter, an appointment was made with him to obtain the information. When the victims were interviewed on 9/21/65, they furnished information regarding an incident which did not take place until 9/20/65, the day before the date of the interview. The SAC should personally contact [redacted] to insure there is no misunderstanding on his part that there was a delay by the Bureau in the handling of this matter.

See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 10/4/65, same caption, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *BA*

DATE: October 4, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL;
b7C [REDACTED], ET AL -
VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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In a letter to the President dated 9/27/65 (copies of which were designated to the Director, the Attorney General and Mr. Roy Wilkins, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] requested an investigation concerning allegations [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] related he reported this matter to the FBI on 9/16, 9/18/65, and again discussed the matter on 9/20/65, at which time an appointment was made with him for an interview on 9/21/65. He states the appointment was canceled but subsequently on the same date briefed Agents who took statements from the alleged victims.

b7C The inferred delay by the Bureau in handling his complaint which [REDACTED] makes in his letter is not true and letters to the White House and Attorney General setting the record straight are attached.

BACKGROUND:

b7C The New Orleans Office has advised that [REDACTED] contacted that office on 9/16/65, alleging [REDACTED] He was unable to furnish specific details as to the identity of these persons or the source of this information. He said he would advise when he obtained additional details.

b7C The New Orleans Office has no record of any contact with [REDACTED] on 9/18/65.

On 9/20/65, [REDACTED] contacted the New Orleans Office and advised he had complete details concerning the matter. A request was made to interview him at his earliest convenience and an appointment was made with him for the morning of 9/21/65.

Enclosures - Sent 10-5-65

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL

On the morning of 9/21/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted the office and advised that two victims [REDACTED] were en route to the New Orleans Office for interview. The Agent handling the case was instructed to interview these victims and notify Mr. [REDACTED] that he desired to postpone his appointment until these victims were interviewed.

[REDACTED] Agents immediately went to [REDACTED]'s office and interviews with [REDACTED] and each of the two victims were consummated in private.

A report dated 9/22/65, containing the results of these interviews was furnished to the Civil Rights Division and no additional investigation has been requested.

ACTION:

(1) Attached for approval is a letter to the White House and the Attorney General setting the record straight concerning our contacts with [REDACTED] regarding this matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL

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(2) The Special Agent in Charge is being instructed to contact [REDACTED] to insure there is no misunderstanding on his part that the Bureau delayed in handling this matter.

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Leander Perez, Et Al.

recontacted our office [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and these two individuals,
Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
were immediately interviewed on September 21, 1965.

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The results of the interviews were furnished to
the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice
for consideration as to whether any Federal action is
warranted.

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Date: 10/7/65

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TO: ^{10-2770-10 13-1177C}
DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38844)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)

SUBJECT: LEANDER PEREZ SR.; ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS **b7C**

ET AL. - VICTIMS

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 10/6/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

One copy is also being furnished to the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 8)
2 - New Orleans

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ENCLOSURE

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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-64
1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 9/20/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-new)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
UNKNOWN VICTIM
PLAQUEMINES PARISH,
LOUISIANA
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

On 9/16/65, [REDACTED]

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phonically contacted this office and advised [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] At that time [REDACTED] was requested to
furnish further details as to the original source of the
information in order that it might be reported to the
Department of Justice. 4b7C On 9/20/65 [REDACTED] recontacted this office by
telephone and advised he now has complete details concerning
the original information. Arrangements were made to inter-
view [REDACTED] at length at his office at 10:30 a.m., 9/21/65,
after which a preliminary investigation will be conducted
and results reported to the Bureau.③-Bureau
2-New Orleans

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS; PLAQUEMINES
PARISH, LOUISIANA;

COMPLAINANT

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurairtel 9/20/65 entitled, "Unsub; Unknown Victim,
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, Civil Rights."

Unless [REDACTED] alleges brutality on the part of
authorities no further action should be taken other than
the interview with [REDACTED] and a letterhead memorandum
submitted suitable for dissemination. If [REDACTED] alleges
brutality, the alleged victims should be interviewed and if
allegations of brutality affirmed, preliminary investigation
conducted.

Immediately suairtel summary of results of
interview with [REDACTED] and action being taken.

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NOTE:

Reairtel indicated that [REDACTED]
made complaint that [REDACTED]

New Orleans advised arrangements were made to interview
[REDACTED] on 9/21/65, after which a preliminary investigation
will be conducted. New Orleans is being advised not to conduct
a preliminary investigation unless brutality is alleged.

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Date: 9/24/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)

UNSUB;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS;
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA.;

_____ - COMPLAINANT

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ReBuairtel, 9/23/65.

Report of SA _____ submitted 9/22/65
showing LEANDER PEREZ as subject and UNSUB, aka _____ as
subject.

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Date: 10/6/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30644)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)
 RE: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL
 [REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel 10/4/65.

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] was personally contacted this date by
 SAC ROBERT E. RIGHTMYER, WHO was accompanied by ASAC J. T.
 SYLVESTER, JR.

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[REDACTED] fully understands that there was no
 delay by the FBI in handling this matter. The first victims
 which were available for interview by the New Orleans Office
 were available on 9/21/65; they were interviewed that date
 regarding the incident which happened the day before and report
 was submitted on 9/22/65.

[REDACTED] does not have other victims at this time
 and he has no further witnesses other than those which he listed
 on Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4 as attachments to the letter to the
 President.

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 2 - New Orleans

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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10/15/65

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

We previously received and furnish
to the Department allegations that

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Department in attached memorandum
now requests we interview six specific
persons who allegedly can furnish
pertinent information and interview
any others named by them who may have
information; also interview five b7D
persons who

as well as fully identify " " b7C
Investigation being ordered.

Although Perez is parish President
he is not being advised of institution
of investigation.

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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-2737)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) **REC-19**

b7C LEANDER PEREZ, SR., ET AL; **EX-117**
ET AL - VICTIMS
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY

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Rerep of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 9/22/65,
bearing character Civil Rights.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 10/14/65, requesting specific limited investigation.

Immediately institute the requested investigation and surep within five days of receipt of this communication setting forth therein it is a limited investigation.

Leander Perez, Sr., Parish President, should not be advised investigation is being instituted.

Enclosed memorandum should be carefully reviewed to insure that all phases of requested investigation are thoroughly covered. Investigation must be assigned to experienced mature Agent personnel.

Advise all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. John Doar, AAG, CRD, USDJ.

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NOTE:

We previously received and furnished to the Department allegations that **[REDACTED]**

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NOTE (continued)

Department in attached memorandum now requests we interview six specific persons who allegedly can furnish pertinent information and interview any others named by them who may have information; also interview five persons who [REDACTED] as well as fully identify [REDACTED]

Investigation being ordered.

Although Perez is Parish President, he is not being advised of institution of requested investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 10/23/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/20 - 22/65
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" LEANDER PEREZ, SR., Parish President, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; aka <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY SA	TYPE
		CHARACTER OF CASE INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY	

- VICTIMS

The title of this case is being marked changed so as to reflect the full name of [REDACTED] as subject; to add name [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as victims; and to delete name [REDACTED] as victim.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/22/65 at New Orleans.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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By	60 NOV 4 1965	1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

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REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 10/18/65.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT PORT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

Contact [REDACTED] and interview [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons contacted in this investigation were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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DETAILS

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 10/28/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/26/65 - 10/27/65
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" LEANDER PEREZ, SR., Parish President, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div> aka. <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY SA <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	TYPED BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>
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- VICTIMS

The title is marked changed to reflect names of additional victims and

REFERENCE:

New Orleans report of SA
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-2737)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

LEANDER PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
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Reurairtel dated 10/7/65.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 11/9/65.

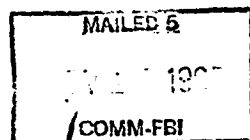
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Enc. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: We previously conducted investigation at Department's request concerning allegations that [REDACTED]

Department now requests an interview of one person who allegedly [REDACTED] investigation being ordered.

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NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	11/16/65	11/12,15/65
TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY		TYPE
LEANDER PEREZ, SR., Parish President, Plaquemines Parish Louisiana; [REDACTED] aka. [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
	CHARACTER OF CASE		
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Report of SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans
dated 10/28/65.
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Case Pending Over One Year

☐ YES ☒ NO

Prosecution Pending Over Six Months

☐ YES ☒ NO

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Efforts were made to locate [REDACTED] on November 12, 1965 and he was out of town.

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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November 6, 1967.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Complaint had been received that Leander H. Perez, Sr., long time rabid segregationist, and other individuals, harassed Federal Examiners and Observers in Belle Chase, Louisiana, in connection with 11/4/67 elections in Louisiana. Interviews conducted in connection with Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Attached sets forth results of inquiries. Civil Rights Division advised and no further investigation requested.

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R. J. [signature]
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (44-NEW) 3P

CHANGED. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.: ^{LAST NAME UNKNOWN} ^{Unknown Subject} (LNU), UNSUB NUMBER

ONE; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; ENFORCEMENT OF

VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN

SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA ELECTIONS, VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF

NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, OR - ELECTION LAWS.

TITLE CHANGED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AND ADDITIONAL
VICTIMS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM, INSTANT, PEREZ

APPEARED AT FEDERAL VOTERS EXAMINER'S AND OBSERVER'S OFFICE

AT REAR OF POST OFFICE, BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA ACCOMPANIED
BY ^{(LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND UNKNOWN SUBJECT.} [REDACTED] LNU AND UNSUB. PEREZ IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS EITHER

TOM HICKS OR JIM HICKS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRESENT IN OFFICE.

PEREZ INQUIRED IF FEDERAL EXAMINER AND OBSERVERS WERE REGISTERING

PEOPLE TO VOTE. [REDACTED], FEDERAL EXAMINER EXPLAINED THAT

HE WAS ^{ONLY} ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES TO REGISTERED VOTERS

TO REPLACE LOST CERTIFICATES. PEREZ BECAME ABUSIVE AND USED

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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PROFANITY. HE PICKED UP A LIST OF FEDERALLY REGISTERED VOTERS AND ASKED [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IF HE COULD SEE IT. THEY CONSENTED AND PEREZ EXAMINED IT. PEREZ PICKED UP AN ENVELOPE FROM THE [REDACTED]'S DESK WHICH CONTAINED COMPLETED REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES. [REDACTED] TOOK THE ENVELOPE FROM PEREZ'S HAND AND TOLD PEREZ HE COULD NOT LOOK AT THIS. PEREZ THEN WENT BEHIND [REDACTED]'S DESK AND LOOKED INTO [REDACTED]'S OPEN BRIEFCASE. PEREZ THEN SHOOK TWO OTHER BRIEFCASES NEXT TO [REDACTED] AND STATED HE WAS "CHECKING FOR ARMS". PEREZ THEN PULLED OPEN THREE UPPER DRAWERS OF A FOUR DRAWER FILE CABINET AND SAID "WHERE IN HELL ARE THE MACHINE GUNS? I KNOW DAMN WELL THERE MUST BE SOME." AS PEREZ, [REDACTED], LNU, AND UNSUB LEFT OFFICE THEY ENCOUNTERED [REDACTED] NEGRO, WHO HAD COME INTO OFFICE TO OBTAIN DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE. PEREZ INQUIRED IF NEGRO WAS TO BE REGISTERED, BUT [REDACTED] AND UNSUB GUIDED PEREZ FROM SCENE. PRIOR TO GOING TO FEDERAL EXAMINER'S AND OBSERVER'S OFFICE PEREZ, [REDACTED] LNU, AND UNSUB NUMBER ONE WENT TO VOTING POLL LOCATED AT BELLE CHASSE FIREHOUSE. PEREZ REQUESTED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, WHICH THEY DID. PEREZ WROTE DOWN

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THEIR NAMES AND MADE COMMENTS REFERRING TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EMPLOYEES AS "JOHNSON'S BOYS", "FEDERAL SPYS", AND GENERALLY USED OBSCENE AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

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[REDACTED] AND UNSUB LEFT AND WENT TO FEDERAL EXAMINERS OBSERVERS OFFICE AT POST OFFICE AS RELATED ABOVE. WHEN PEREZ LEFT EXAMINER'S-OBSERVER'S OFFICE HE RETURNED TO POLL AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRESENT. PEREZ DIRECTED COMMENTS TO [REDACTED] REQUESTING TO SEE HIS IDENTIFICATION AND MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO [REDACTED] AS HE HAD MADE TO OTHER FEDERAL OBSERVERS.

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ALL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY ^{BUREAU AGENTS} ~~BUAGENTS~~ AT U.S. POST OFFICE.
United States Attorney
~~USA~~ ADVISED. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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~~HE WAS ONLY ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES TO REGISTERED VOTERS~~

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1-33PM URGENT 11-4-67 [REDACTED] IP TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS 44-NEW

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.; [REDACTED] (LNU); [REDACTED] VICTIM.

[REDACTED] VICTIM; ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA ELECTIONS,

VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, CR - ELECTION LAWS.

RE BU AITEL TO NO. TWO LAST. [REDACTED] (See 44-00-971)

ON NOV. FOUR LAST [REDACTED] CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

NO, LA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM

[REDACTED] FEDERAL OBSERVER LOCATED AT BELLE CHASSE, PLAQUEMINE
PARISH, LA., POST OFFICE, THAT PEREZ HAD INTIMIDATED VICTIMS BY
CURSING AND SWEARING AT THEM.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], PEREZ ORIGINALLY APPEARED AT POST
OFFICE IN COMPANY WITH [REDACTED] LNU, CLAIMING TO BE TOM HICKS AND
ASKED TO REGISTER. PEREZ ADVISED HE COULD NOT REGISTER TODAY
AS ONLY DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES BEING ISSUED BY FEDERAL EXAMINER
[REDACTED] PEREZ, AT THIS POINT, USED PROFANITY AFTER ASKING TO SEE
THEIR CREDENTIALS.

VICTIMS AND AVAILABLE WITNESSES BEING INTERVIEWED. LHM TO
FOLLOW.

PEREZ NOT BEING INTERVIEWED IN [REDACTED] WITH PREVIOUS BU
INSTRUCTIONS. USA, NO. BEING ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: November 14, 1967

SUBJECT: LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.; UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER ONE, also known as
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER TWO;

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- VICTIMS

ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION 1967 and 1968

LOUISIANA ELECTIONS

VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to NY memorandum dated 9-8-67

(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent b7C dated 11/8/67 at New Orleans.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (2) Also enclosed is obscene material. See note page two.

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In a discussion between Mr. Barry Weinberg and Special Agent [REDACTED] on 11/5/67, Mr. Weinberg advised no further investigation should be conducted unless specifically requested.

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REPORTING OFFICE New Orleans	OFFICE OF ORIGIN New Orleans	DATE 11/8/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/4-6/67
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., aka Tom Hicks, Jim Hicks; UNSUB NUMBER ONE, aka UNSUB NUMBER TWO; [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION 1967 and 1968 LOUISIANA ELECTIONS		REPORT MADE BY CHARACTER OF CASE VRA-65; CR - EL	TYPED BY [REDACTED]

All b7C Title is changed to clarify the number of UNSUBS and to add the aka Tom Hicks and Jim Hicks for LEANDER H. PEREZ SR. Also added is the aka of [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] - VICTIM

REFERENCES:

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau both dated 11/4/67.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, HARRY F. CONNICK was advised of the complaint on 11/4/67 by SA [REDACTED]

A limited investigation was conducted as the subjects were not interviewed per prior Bureau instructions regarding [REDACTED] and the two officers he represents. These instructions were set forth in Bureau teletype dated 10/26/64 captioned, "[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION MATTER," (NO File 62-3709) which states, "Fact that an investigator for [REDACTED] attempted to obtain records search on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] under circumstances indicating no official use and the fact that no adequate explanation is forthcoming are the grounds for Bureau's refusal to have anything further to do with the two offices [REDACTED] represents. In all other matters this individual and his office should be dealt with at arm's length."

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UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] is possibly identical with [REDACTED] aka, [REDACTED] who is a known assistant to [REDACTED]. Due to the limited investigation conducted, this identification has not been confirmed.

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All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, New Orleans

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: 11/8/67

Field Office File #: 44-3395

Bureau File #:

Title: LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER ONE, also known as [REDACTED]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER TWO;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Synopsis:

ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION
1967 AND 1968 LOUISIANA ELECTIONS

Character: VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: On 11/4/67 at approximately 8:20 a.m. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., [REDACTED] (last name unknown) and an unknown white male went to the voting poll located at the fire house, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ had Federal Observers [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] identify themselves. PEREZ used profanities and abusive language expressing his feelings about the Federal Observers, JOHN DOAR, and the current Federal Administration. PEREZ, [REDACTED] and the unknown white male left the voting poll and went to the Federal Observer's-Examiner's Office located at the rear of the Post Office, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ introduced himself to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as "TOM HICKS" or possibly "JIM HICKS." PEREZ asked if the Federal Observers were registering people to vote. [REDACTED] explained that they were only issuing duplicate certificates for registered voters who had lost their original copy. PEREZ became abusive and used profanity. PEREZ examined a listing of Federally registered voters which was on [REDACTED]'s desk. PEREZ attempted to examine an envelope on [REDACTED]'s desk but [REDACTED] took it away from PEREZ. PEREZ looked in observers' briefcases and filing cabinet looking for

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firearms At this time [REDACTED] a Negro, went to the Observer's-Examiner's Office in order to obtain a duplicate registration certificate. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] waited 15 minutes until PEREZ and his associates left and then he obtained his duplicate registration certificate. After PEREZ and his associates left the Observer's-Examiner's Office, they returned to the voting poll at the Belle Chasse fire house. Federal Observers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present. PEREZ asked [REDACTED] for his identification and made comments to belittle the Federal Observers. PEREZ used profanity and abusive language directed at the Federal Observers and the current Federal Administration.

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DETAILS: This is a limited investigation.

This case was predicated on November 4, 1967, by a telephone call to the New Orleans Field Office from [REDACTED] State Coordinator, Civil Service Commission, New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] advised that he had received a report from [REDACTED] a Federal Observer located at Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Post Office, that LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., had intimidated the Federal Observers by cursing and swearing at them. [REDACTED] advised that he had no first-hand knowledge of the incident.

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[redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
November 4, 1967

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"I, [redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On November 4, 1967, I was working on official duty as a Civil Service Commission poll observer. I was working at the voting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

"Sometime around 7:00 to 8:00 AM I recognized Leandre Perez in the company of one (1) other white male. Perez identified himself and asked [redacted] and myself for our identification. We showed our cards to Perez.

"Perez made several statements, calling us 'Johnson's Boys' and 'Federal Spys' and similar comments. I heard Perez use profanity, but I cannot state that it was directed directly at us.

"Perez left and in less than an hour he returned. At this time [redacted] was not present and another Civil Service Commission employee, [redacted] was present. Perez asked for [redacted]'s identification, and [redacted] showed it to him. Perez directed most of his comments at [redacted] and they were similar in nature to what he had said previously.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] 3 Date dictated 11/4/67

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"As Perez left he said to my fellow workers and myself something to the effect of 'Watch your step.'

"Perez interfered and impeded my official duty inasmuch as he added to the general noise and disturbance and I was distracted by him when he requested my identification and he directed his comments to us.

"I have read this two page statement and it true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other pages and I sign this below.

Witnesses:

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L /s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67.
/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained:

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Name
Nickname
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Nationality
Residence

Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Occupation
Employment

Marital Status
Military Service
Education
Arrests

[REDACTED]
Male
White

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[redacted] was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"11/4/67
Belle Chasse, La.

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"I, [redacted] hereby give the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement.

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[redacted] I can read, write and understand the English language.

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"On 11/4/67 I was stationed at the polling place located in the Fire Department building, Belle Chasse, La. I was acting as a Federal Voting Observer. About 8:20 A.M. a man, later identified as Leander Perez, entered the polling place. This man walked over to me and introduced himself as Leander Perez and asked to see my identification. I identified myself to Perez as a Federal voting observer and [redacted] and [redacted] who are also Federal Voting Observers identified themselves to Perez at this time. Perez stated that I and [redacted] and [redacted] were Federal Spies and he had absolutely no respect for us or our work. Perez then stated he would rather eat (obscene) than do this sort of spying. Perez then accused me, [redacted] and [redacted] of being part of a second reconstruction. Perez then shouted numerous obscene words, but I cannot recall the specific words. Perez then called John Doar a nealy

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SA [redacted] [redacted] 6

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mouthed (obscene). Perez then began talking about things that did not make sense but were directed as insults toward [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and myself and our work as Federal Observers. Perez made a statement to [REDACTED], an election commissioner working at the poll, that the Federal Voting Observers were not to sit at the record table. I also believe I heard Perez tell [REDACTED] that the Federal Election Observers were not to be allowed to go into the area where the voting machines are located. Perez made a statement to the effect that the Federal Voting Observers were not to step out of line in any way or impede the progress of the election and that he had no fear of the Federal Government. I can't recall Perez's exact words but this is what he meant. Perez then left the polling place accompanied by an individual known as [REDACTED]. I then left the polling place and walked over to the office being maintained by the Federal Voting Observers in the rear of the U. S. Post Office in Belle Chasse, La. to report the incident that took place at the polling place. I was in the office about five minutes when Perez entered the office accompanied by [REDACTED] and another unknown white male. [REDACTED] is a white male, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would recognize [REDACTED] if I saw him again. The other individual with Perez was a white, male, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I believe I could recognize this individual if I saw him again.

"Perez introduced himself as Leander H. Perez, a [REDACTED] gave an unrecalled title. I was in the company of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] while in the office. Perez asked for the identification of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but not myself since he knew me from the polling place. Perez asked [REDACTED] if he was registering voters today. [REDACTED] replied no. Perez then started cursing and said many of the same things that he (Perez) said at the polling place, which I cannot specifically recall. Perez then picked up a brief case and shook it and said he was looking for a

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machine gun. Perez then commented that there were five Federal Voting Observers in Belle Chasse and he considered this number to be excessive. Perez was advised by [REDACTED] that there were six observers and he left the office. b7C

"Perez in my opinion impeded the smooth operation of the Federal Voting Observation Team in Belle Chasse, La. by destroying any possible rapport with the Election Commissioners at the polling place. Since Perez did instruct [REDACTED] to restrict the movement of the Federal Voting Observers, he (Perez) impeded the recording of the names of the individuals that voting which the Department of Justice has instructed the Federal Voting Observers to obtain. I do not feel Perez interfered with my physical function as a Federal Voting Observer while he (Perez) was in the polling ____."

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and 3 additional pages and I sign it because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed all corrections and each page of this statement."

"/s/ [REDACTED] b7C
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"Witness:

/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, New Orleans, La., 11/4/67
/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 11/4/67"

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Race
Sex
Born
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Occupation

[REDACTED] b7C
White
Male b7D
[REDACTED]
Investigator, U. S.
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[redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
November 4, 1967

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"I, [redacted], make the free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On November 4, 1967 I was working on official duty as a U. S. Civil Service Commission Poll Observer. I was working the voting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. My assignment was to record the names & races of the voters as the Commissioner called them off. I was sitting in a chair & writing the information on a pad supported on my knee.

"At approximately 8:30 to 9:00 A.M., three (3) white males came into the voting poll. I recognized one of them as Leandre Perez but I did not recognize the other two males.

"Perez identified himself by name & gave some title referring to president of parish voters or something similar to this. Perez requested that [redacted], [redacted] and myself identify ourselves. We were the only Civil Service Commission employee present (to my knowledge) and we showed him our identification cards. Perez wrote our names down.

"Perez made several statements poking fun at us. Perez stated to me, 'Would you please stand up to show

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respect.' He added something to the effect of 'if not for me, at least show respect for your friends.' I replied, 'Yes Sir' and I stood up.

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Perez left with the two (2) males & later returned, again with the two (2) males. At this second appearance, [REDACTED], another Civil Service Commission employee, was also present. Perez asked [REDACTED] to identify himself, and he did so. Perez made some more comments similar to his first appearance, but this time directed more to [REDACTED].

"During both of the above appearances of Perez, he used profanity freely, directed to us and the current Federal Administration. I was not really paying attention to Perez as I was attempting to comply with my instruction regarding recording the names and races of voters.

"It was difficult to comply with my duties before Perez arrived as it was difficult to hear the names as they were called off. Perez interfered and impeded my official duty, inasmuch as he made it more difficult to hear the names and he interrupted my writing with his requests for identification and by having me stand.

"Perez and the two (2) males left and as they left Perez made a statement to the effect of 'You boys watch your step' [REDACTED] boys be careful.'

"I have read this 3 page statement and it true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below.

"/s/ [REDACTED] b7C
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Witnesses:

/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67.
/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67."

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[redacted] was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
Nov. 4, 1967

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"I, [redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"This morning (November 4, 1967) I was on official duty at the Federal Examiners Office, at the rear of the Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, functioning as a Federal Examiner in Plaquemines Parish under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"At approximately 8:45 AM three (3) white males came into the office. I recognized one (1) male as Leandre Perez. One of the other men was later referred to as [redacted] by Perez. I did not recognize the third man. As the men entered the office, Perez said 'I am Tom Hicks' or possibly he referred to himself by saying 'I am Jim Hicks'. Perez then asked 'Are you people registering people to vote today?' I replied that 'We are not, we are only issuing duplicate certificates in care of lost certificates.' Perez said, 'Like (obscene) you are, you're registering people to vote and you know it.' Perez acted as if he was counting the three (3) Federal people in the office who were myself, [redacted], and [redacted]. Perez then said, 'There are (3) three more across the street and that makes six (6) of those Federal (obscene) here.' Perez stated that he was the chairman of the Democratic Committee and that he would not stand for any interference

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] 13 Date dictated 11/4/67

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with the polls in the parish. Perez picked up my list of Federally registered voters and asked if he could see it. I told him he could see it and that there was another list at the polling place, and at any time he wished to see it, he could do so. I stated that as the examiner I issued duplicates for lost certificates and that the persons name had to be listed in the above book or I did not issue a duplicate. Perez stated that I was a liar and that he knew better.

"Perez picked up an envelope from my desk which contained three (3) completed requests for duplicate certificates. [redacted] who was standing next to me took the envelope from Perez's hand and I took it from [redacted]. I told Perez he could not see this.

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"Perez inquired as to why we were here and a discussion evolved about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Perez inquired about our credentials and wanted to see them. [redacted] stated that Perez was on Federal property and although there was no obligation to show them to him, he [redacted] would do so. We all held out credentials so that Perez could see them and he wrote our names down. He asked us about our home towns and we all told him and he wrote this down also.

"Perez then got up and went around behind my desk and looked inside my briefcase which was on the floor, open, against the wall. He then shook two other briefcases next to mine and stated he was 'checking for arms'.

"Perez then pulled open (3) three upper drawers of our four (4) drawer file cabinet and said 'Where in (obscene) are the machine guns?' I know (obscene) well there must be some.' At some time during this encounter, Perez referred to us as 'Federal (obscene)' and he stated that,

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'That (obscene) up there is wanting to raise taxes so he can send more of you down here.'

"As Perez and his party left he encountered a Negro male, [REDACTED] and said something to him, but I did not understand what was said. [REDACTED] came into the office to obtain a duplicate certificate. When Perez left our office he was heading in the direction of the polls at the fire station. b7C

"To my knowledge Perez did not impede or interfere with the operation of the office regarding my duties as Federal Examiner.

"I have read this 3 page statement and it is true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below. b7C b7D

"Witnesses: b7C
 /s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, 11/4/67
 /s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, 11/4/67."

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name
 Nickname
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 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
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 Residence
 Telephone Number

None
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 White

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"Belle Chasse, La.
"11/4/67

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"I, [redacted], hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] I can read, write, and understand the English language.

"At approximately eight fifty (8:50) AM, Nov. 4, 1967, while on duty at the Federal Voting Examiners Office located on the loading dock of the United States Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, three white males entered the office where I was on duty as [redacted] of the Reserve Federal Voting Rights team. The oldest of these three men identified himself as Tom Nicks and asked if people were being registered to vote at this office. I recognized the individual who identified himself as Tom Nicks to be Leander Perez. I immediately got up from my chair and greeted this individual as Mr. Perez.

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"At this time Mr. Perez asked me and [redacted] who was working with me 'What are you doing here?' 'Are you registering people to vote here?' Perez was repetitious in asking if people were being registered to vote and berated both myself and [redacted] and [redacted]

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██████████ another Federal Voting Observer, who was present in the office, for being present in the Parish. At this point Perez identified himself as being chairman of the Democratic Committee of the Parish and stated they did not need the Federal Voting Observers in the Parish interfering with their elections. Perez used such words as Federal Spies and (obscene) being sent by that (obscene) in Washington. Perez was very disjointed in his remarks and depended on a running comment from one of the other men that entered the office with him. By this I mean it appeared that Perez would have run out of things to say without help from this other man. Several times in his continuous barrage Perez asked the question, 'Who are you and where are you from?' without actually waiting for an answer. Perez then demanded to see my and ██████████'s credentials. At this point I reminded Perez that he was in my office and on Federal property but that I did not mind showing him my identification since in the course of my duties I might be going into the voting places. Perez removed his glasses, sat down at the table, took out some paper and made a ceremony of copying my name and title from my credentials, by this I mean he was very deliberate in the manner in which he repeated my name aloud as he wrote it down. Perez went through the same procedure with ██████████

"Perez then got up and reached for a list of Federally registered voters and said, 'I suppose I cannot look at this.' ██████████ informed Perez that there was no objection since it was identical to other lists furnished to the Parish officials. Perez showed no more interest in the list but reached for an envelope which was also laying on the table and which contained information pertinent to the voters rights program. At this point I reached across the table and also took hold of the envelope, preventing Perez from

extracting a document from the envelope. Perez was trying to remove one document which was sticking out of the envelope. Perez and I had no physical contact. When I took hold of the envelope, Perez immediately released it and stepped around the table, looked into one open briefcase and shook another briefcase. He then opened one drawer of the filing cabinet in the office and closed it immediately with the comment that he was looking for arms. Perez asked 'What's the matter, don't you have any arms, where are your machine guns, what kind of people are you anyway?'

"At several points throughout Perez's conversation he stated that he did not appreciate the presence of Federal Observers and stated on one occasion that he would rather pick (obscene) with the chickens than be a Federal Observer. Perez demanded to know how many Federal Observers were present and commented that Federal Observers were a waste of the taxpayers' money. Perez referred to one of the men with him as [REDACTED] was a white male. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made a statement to Perez that there were at least four Federal Observers because he saw one relieve [REDACTED] at the polling place located at the fire station prior to coming to the office.

"At this point Perez stated he was going back to the polling place to find out who [REDACTED] was referring to. Perez then turned and left the office through the open door. I observed a Negro man standing just outside the door. I went over and invited this Negro man into the office. At this point Perez asked of no one in particular

'What's he doing here. Is he going to be registered? I want to know.' The Negro man was coming through the door and Perez turned around as if to follow. The two men with Perez took hold of Perez and walked him around the edge of the building.

"The other individual with Perez was a white male, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would be able to recognize Perez and the two men with him if I were to see them again or to see photographs of these men. Perez and the two men were in the office, ten to fifteen minutes, Perez impeded the operation of the office because I felt he had no legitimate reason to be in the office and his presence prevented and interrupted consultations of [REDACTED] and myself. I do not know if Perez's presence in the office stopped the Negro male I previously referred to from entering the office sooner. Perez did not actually interfere in the actions of any of the men present in the office.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and five additional pages. I have initialed each page and all corrections and no threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I sign this statement because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Witnesses: [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] Special Agent, b7D
FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67
[REDACTED] Special Agent,
FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67."

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b7C [redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the
b7D Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished
the following signed statement:

"November 6, 1967
New Orleans, Louisiana

b7C "I, [redacted] make the following free
and voluntary statement to [redacted] and
[redacted] who have identified themselves
to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

b7C "On November 4, 1967, I was on official duty as
b7D [redacted] Observer, assigned to voting poll at the fire
station, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. I am employed by
the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and working as a
Federal Observer under the provisions of the Voting
Rights Act of 1965.

"At sometime around 10:00 am - 11:00 am, on
November 4, 1967, LEANDER PEREZ and two white males,
unknown to me, came into the voting poll. I recog-
nized PEREZ and I had seen him on two or three previous
occasions.

"PEREZ stated to me that he had missed me before
and he asked me for my identification. I showed him
my observer's identification card and he wrote my
name down. PEREZ made several comments that I
believe were made to belittle the federal observers.
He made comments such as, 'Will JOHNSON buy enough
votes in Texas to re-elect himself?' and PEREZ referred
to us as 'JOHNSON's boys.'

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b7C by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] Date dictated 11/6/67

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"PEREZ stated to all present that we (the federal observers) were not allowed to go to the poll book or 'over there' referring to the voting machine area.

b7C [redacted] had already made a statement to us (federal observers) previously that was similar to PEREZ's statement.

"The other federal observers present at this time were [redacted] and [redacted] I was assisting [redacted] by listening for names of voters as they were called off by one of the commissioners. [redacted] did the actual writing and I was concentrating of hearing the names being called. When PEREZ was present he interfered with my official duties as I was unable to assist [redacted] in recording voter's names.

"At the time the polls closed the list of voters we had compiled was 53 (fiftythree) less than the total number of names of people that had voted. This is the first time I have ever worked in my capacity as a federal observer where our totals did not match the totals for the number of votes cast. I contribute this directly to PEREZ's impudence of the official duties of the federal observers.

"I have read this 1 page statement and it is true, complete, and correct. I sign this statement below.

"/s/ [redacted]
Investigator USCBC

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"Witnesses:

b7C /s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/6/67.
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/6/67."

The following description of [redacted] was obtained: b7C
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Name
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Sex
Race
Date of Birth

[redacted]
Male
White
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[REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED] advised that he is [REDACTED] Federal Observer assigned to observe voting procedures at Belle Chasse voting poll located at the fire house, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, for the state primary, November 4, 1967.

[REDACTED] advised that he was not present during any of the alleged visits of LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., on November 4, 1967, to the voting poll at the fire house, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] advised that the following Civil Service Commission personnel were assigned to duty at Belle Chasse on November 4, 1967:

FEDERAL OBSERVERS

Captain
Co-Captain
Senior Observer
Observer
Observer
Observer

[REDACTED]

FEDERAL EXAMINER

Examiner

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: November 22, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOLO, ET AL., VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Richard B. Sobol, an attorney licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York, represents Negroes and civil rights workers in the State and Federal courts in Louisiana for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. Mr. Sobol was arrested by the Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, authorities, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol has brought civil suit challenging this action.

Department has filed a motion to intervene in this case in the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, motion granted on 11/1/67. The Government's complaint in intervention alleges that Negroes in Plaquemines Parish are less able than white persons to secure adequate legal representation, thereby denying them equal protection of the laws as provided under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

The attached request from the Department involves the interviewing of 18 Negro attorneys and 30 white attorneys in Louisiana to determine numerous items including their personal background, the extent of their law practice and the attorneys willingness to represent Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues.

ACTION:

The investigation requested by the Department is being ordered.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

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RICHARD B. SOBOLO, ET AL., VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
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Enclosed are two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 11/21/67.

Conduct the requested investigation in accordance with Section 27, Manual of Instructions, advising all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of AAG John Doar, CRD, USDJ. Insure that all points outlined by the Department in its request are fully covered in connection with these interviews.

You are to complete the investigation and submit a report to reach the Bureau by December 22, 1967.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: December 13, 1967

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 11/21/67
(your file 71-32-4).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special~~
Agent a memorandum dated 12/5/67
at New Orleans.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and
no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken
by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now
been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further in-
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless
specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further in-
vestigation.

F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you
will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no
further investigation will be conducted unless specifically re-
quested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no
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Report of SA [REDACTED]
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dated November 8, 1967, at New Orleans.

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.;
UNSUB NUMBER ONE, aka

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Page 6, paragraph 4, line 15 "shit"
Page 7, paragraph 1, line 1 "son of bitch"
Page 13, paragraph 4, line 12 "hell"
Page 13, paragraph 4, line 18 "bastards"
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 3 "hell"
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 4 "damn"
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 6 "sons of bitches"
Page 15, paragraph 1, line 1 "son of a bitch"
Page 18, paragraph 1, line 8 "bastards"
Page 18, paragraph 1, line 8 "son of a bitch"
Page 19, paragraph 2, line 4 "shit"

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FBI

Date: 12/5/67

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-3425) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOL, et al, VS.
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., et al;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
 CR

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 11/22/67.

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of LHM concerning captioned matter. Three individuals mentioned are not being interviewed for the reasons stated, UACB.

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2 - New Orleans

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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 3-34 H, RE 400

1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS DIV. DEC 13 1967

C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

NOTE on 12/11/67: Matter discussed with Mr. Robert Moore of Dept on 12/11/67 by SA [REDACTED] in this memo not being interviewed and advised by [REDACTED]

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In view of [REDACTED]'s association with defendant
in captioned matter and other suits in Federal Court at
New Orleans, as well as information from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] no further efforts are
being made to locate and interview [REDACTED] in this matter.

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[REDACTED] District
Attorney Jim Garrison is conducting a controversial investigation
into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and it is
not deemed advisable to contact any members of his staff at
this time.

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December 13, 1967

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

TO: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

FROM: Director, FBI

RICHARD B. SOBEL, ET AL. VS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

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ReNOairtel to Bureau 12/5/67.

This matter has been discussed with the Department, and as a result thereof, it will not be necessary for New Orleans to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You should, however, locate and interview [REDACTED] in accordance with previous instructions.

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NOTE: Department intervened in suit alleging Negroes not afforded equal legal representation thereby denying them equal protection of laws. As a result of the Department's intervention in the suit they requested the interviewing of 48 attorneys to determine numerous items including their personal background, the extent of their law practice and the attorneys' willingness to represent Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues. Investigation was ordered.

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New Orleans set forth reasons why three attorneys
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12/18/67

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

**RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)**

ReBuairtel to Jackson dated 11/22/67.

Enclosed for each office are two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 12/14/67.

Conduct the requested investigation in accordance with Section 27, Manual of Instructions, advising all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the AAG, CRD, USDJ. Insure that all points outlined by the Department in its request are fully covered in connection with this interview.

You are to surep within three days of receipt of this communication, sending two copies of report to Bureau and two copies of report to New Orleans (one for USA).

Enclosures (2)

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Department now requests that an attorney in Chicago be interviewed as it is alleged that he had several times unsuccessfully applied for admission to the Louisiana Bar during the 1940's.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 12/19/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/24 - 12/18/67
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 11/22/67.
New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 12/5/67.

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LEADS:NEW ORLEANS

AT ARABI, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

AT MERAUX, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] in line with request of
Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

In some instances interview was conducted by only one Special Agent since only one Special Agent was available at the time of interview.

On December 18, 1967, OWEN FISS, Special Agent, Civil Rights Division, New Orleans, La., telephonically contacted the New Orleans Division and requested the results of contacts made to date of call be submitted and other remaining interviews be submitted at a later date.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

1 - U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana
(Attention: OWEN FISS, Special Asst., Civil Rights
Division, 333 St. Charles Ave.)

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

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Office:

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Date:

December 19, 1967

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Title:

RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Attorneys interviewed regarding civil rights and
legal representation in Plaquemines Parish and elsewhere in
Louisiana.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Investigation in this case was predicated upon the
following communication dated November 21, 1967, to Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, from JOHN DOAR, Assistant
Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, entitled, "RICHARD B.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1092)

SUBJECT: RICHARD
ROBERT B. SOBOL, ET AL, VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re Director airtel to Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Springfield 12/21/67; with enclosed Departmental letter dated 12/20/67; Springfield telephone call to Chicago 12/26/67.

Enclosed for WFO is one (1) copy of referenced communication for their investigative assistance.

LEADSWFO

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will attempt to locate and interview _____

_____ as requested in Departmental letter _____

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1cc: AAG, Civil Rights Division
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Approved: _____

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Special Agent in Charge

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January 3, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

From: Director, FBI

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RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL.,
VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR. ET AL;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

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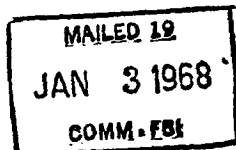
Do not interview [REDACTED] as Department has advised
they have interviewed him.

Immediately complete all outstanding investigation
and surep.

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NOTE: Chicago in a report advises that AUSA Archibald T.
Le Cesne, [REDACTED] states that
[REDACTED] is very knowledgeable regarding subject
Perez and lead to interview him is being left to discretion
of New Orleans. Mr. Robert Moore of Department on 1/3/68,
advised not to interview [REDACTED] as the Department interviewed
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		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: CGairtel to Bu, 12/27/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED] b7C was advised investigation in this matter being conducted at the direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 12/28/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/26/67
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL versus LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPE [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED], Chicago dated 12/21/67.
Bureau airtel to Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Springfield dated 12/21/67.
Springfield telephone call to Chicago, 12/26/67.
Chicago airtel to Director dated 12/27/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the AAG, CRD, USDJ.

Assistant United States Attorney ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE, Chicago, advised that [REDACTED] is a Negro attorney and is very knowledgeable regarding subject PEREZ. No lead is being set forth to interview him as Chicago is not aware whether or not he may have already been contacted. Leads to locate and interview him are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SACs, Chicago (Enclosures - 2)
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Springfield (Enclosures - 2)

From: Director, FBI

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RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Enclosed for each office are two copies of a letter from the Department dated 12/20/67.

The New Orleans Office should contact [REDACTED] for any additional information he can furnish relative to the locations of Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and advise appropriate offices of any additional pertinent information developed.

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The Chicago, Springfield and San Francisco Offices should conduct any reasonable investigation to locate the individuals who may be respectively located within your divisions and interview them in accordance with the Department's request.

You should not conduct any full scale fugitive-type investigation to locate these individuals. If reasonable efforts are unsuccessful in locating them for interview, submit letterhead memoranda setting forth your efforts to locate.

This should be completed within ten days of receipt of this airtel.

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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	BH

REFERENCE: New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/19/67.

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LEADS:NEW ORLEANS

AT ARABI, LOUISIANA. Will continue efforts to interview [REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED - NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/18/67.

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LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] and obtain copies of any documents he may have regarding his attempts to gain admission to the Louisiana Bar.

ADMINISTRATIVE

U.S. Attorney EDWARD V. HANRAHAN and AUSA ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE were advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the AAG, CRD, USDJ.

USA HANRAHAN was advised initially in regard to the Bureau's interview of [REDACTED]. He advised that he wished to be furnished a copy of the report, therefore, one copy is being designated for his office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C
Date: 12/22/67

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Title: RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL
VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] interviewed
12/21/67 and results set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon receipt of the following letter from the U.S. Department of Justice dated December 14, 1967:

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Mr. Moore of the Department and SA [redacted] interviewed him. [redacted] should not be interviewed as the Department interviewed him.

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 12/29/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/26/67 - 12/28/67
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		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/21/67 at New Orleans.

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LEAD:**NEW ORLEANS**

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will contact attorney [redacted] who is probably identical with [redacted] in regard to captioned matter.

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All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Only one Agent was present during the interview of [REDACTED] which is set forth in the details, inasmuch as only one Agent was available at the time the interview was conducted.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (44-875)

From: Director, FBI

RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReSFairtel to Bureau dated 1/3/68.

Department advised they have determined this
date that [REDACTED] can be located at [REDACTED]
telephone
number [REDACTED]

Immediately interview [REDACTED] in accordance
with previous instructions and surep same date,
designating copy of report for USA, New Orleans, attention
Mr. Owen Fiss.

1 - SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

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NOTE: Department intervened in suit alleging Negroes not
afforded equal legal representation thereby denying them equal
protection of laws. As a result of the Department's intervention
suit, they requested the interviewing of attorneys to determine
numerous items including their personal background, the extent of
their law practice, the attorneys' willingness to represent
Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues. Investigation
was ordered. Department advised 1/10/68, they have determined
that [REDACTED] can be located at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Department desires [REDACTED] to be interviewed.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

From: Director, FBI

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LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL RIGHTS NUMBER 67-243
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ReNOairtel dated 1/5/68.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of each exposed frame from film transmitted to the Bureau by referenced communication. Film is being retained at the Bureau.

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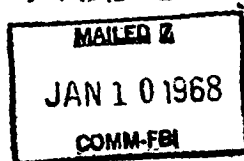
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38137

FROM NEW ORLEANS

RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL, VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL,
 EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL RIGHTS NUMBER 67-243,
 CIVIL RIGHTS.

REMYTELCALL TODAY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY HUGH FLEISCHER, AT NEW ORLEANS,
 LOUISIANA, REQUESTED PHOTOS BE MADE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 NEXT, BY
 AGENTS OF RECORDS OF LOUISIANA BAR ASSOCIATION, NEW ORLEANS,
 LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

ALSO REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PHOTOS BE MADE OF SIMILAR RECORDS
 AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, PROBABLY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 NEXT.

UACB, THESE REQUESTS WILL BE COMPLETED WITH

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL RIGHTS NUMBER 67-243
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Attorneys as requested.

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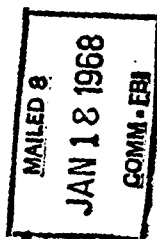
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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

From: Director, FBI (44-38137-20) *REC-16 44-38137-20 fd 217 to NO 1/23*

RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReNO radiogram dated 1/15/68.

Department has confirmed request of their Attorney Hugh W. Fleischer at New Orleans to have Bureau Agents available at the Office of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, at 9:00 a.m., January 16, 1968, for the purpose of photographing documents. A Department attorney will be present during the photographing. These photographs will be introduced into evidence in a trial beginning January 22, 1968.

Department is requesting three copies of these photographs in order that one copy may be provided to the Louisiana State Bar Association. Department has advised that the Louisiana State Bar Association has intervened in this case in behalf of the defendants, and in preface to the photographing of the documents of the Association, the Department agreed to furnish a copy of all photographs taken of the Bar Association records to them.

You should insure that all steps were taken to produce quality photographs in accordance with established procedures.

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NOTE:

Richard B. Sobol of Washington, D. C., who is not licensed as an attorney in Louisiana, has in the past represented Negroes and civil rights workers in that state. Because of this, Plaquemines Parish authorities arrested Sobol, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol, by action in Federal court, is challenging this prosecution by Perez and Louisiana authorities.

The Department has intervened contending that the purpose of the prosecution by local authorities was to deter Sobol and other out-of-town attorneys from representing Negroes in Plaquemines Parish in cases involving constitutional and civil rights. Since Negroes are less able to secure adequate representation in such cases the Department contends this amounts to a denial of equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

The Department has requested investigation concerning attorneys licensed to practice in Plaquemines Parish, including their personal backgrounds and their willingness to represent Negroes. Recently, the Department made arrangements with the Louisiana Bar Association for the photographing of records concerning disbarment proceedings. These records are to be reviewed by the Department in preparing its case concerning discrimination against Negro attorneys or those willing to assist in the defense of Negroes and others on civil rights issues.

This matter discussed with Departmental Attorney Robert Moore on 1/16/68 and he advised the necessity of furnishing a copy to the Bar Association which was a result of an agreement between the Department and Bar Association representatives. Mr. Moore stated that the only way the Bar Association would permit the photographing of the records was a stipulation that they be provided with a copy and this would obviate the necessity of a court order. Time would not permit the obtaining of a court order according to Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore further advised that approximately 200 frames are involved in this photographing and this does not appear to be any reason for not furnishing an extra copy to the Department.

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Re Buairtel, 12/21/67.

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ing investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office.
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cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
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Departmental Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER requested that this be handled expeditiously. He requested two (2) xerox copies be made of each exposed frame.

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RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, JANUARY 5 LAST.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, HUGH FLEISCHER, ADVISED THIS DATE
HE DESIRES THE REQUESTED XEROX COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN
IN THIS MATTER TO BE FURNISHED TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR
A REVIEW PRIOR TO TRIAL DATE OF JANUARY 22, NEXT.

FLEISCHER REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPHS BE SENT DIRECTLY TO HIM
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REPORTING OFFICE New Orleans	OFFICE OF ORIGIN New Orleans	DATE 1/10/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/29/67 - 1/4/68
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REFERENCES:

New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 1/5/68;
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LEAD:NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will, upon receipt of Xerox copies of photos of selected records of Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, Court House, furnish same to Justice Department Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER, at New Orleans, La.

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In view of the foregoing, as well as previous investigation conducted by the San Francisco Division, no further efforts are being made to locate [REDACTED] b7C

All persons contacted in this matter were advised that investigation was being conducted at the direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1-USA, New Orleans

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: NEW ORLEANS

Date: 1/10/38

Field Office File #: NO 44-3425 Bureau File #: 44-37688

Title: RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL
VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Index of records photographed 1/4/68, at Plaquemine
Parish, La., Court House, Pointe A La Hache, La.,
set forth.

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DETAILS:

On December 29, 1967, Departmental Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER, stationed at New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that he wished photographs taken of selected records at Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, Court House, Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Photographs were made of select records at the Plaquemine Parish Courthouse, Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana. The equipment used was a Recordak MRD-1, 35mm camera using Recordak AHU film expose same at 70 volts.

The records that were photographed were furnished by ALLEN LOBRANO, Clerk of Court, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana. The records that were photographed were selected by HUGH FLEISCHER, Departmental Attorney, Department of Justice. The photographs were taken by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] Each photograph had a roll number and frame number appearing in the exposure. An index of the photographs taken is as follows: b7C

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ROLL NUMBER TWOFrame Number

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On 1/4/68 at Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana # NO 44-3425

by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 1/5/68

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 1/5/68
and Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 1/10/68.

Enclosed are five (5) rolls of undeveloped Kodak
Panatomic-X 35mm film. Also enclosed is one developed
test strip.

For Mechanical Section information the test
strip was developed at 70 degrees in dektol 1:1 for one
minute. It is further noted that one of the enclosed
undeveloped rolls of Panatomic-X has black tape on it.
This roll, marked with tape, is a test roll for Mechanical
Section use. All undeveloped films, including the test
roll, were exposed at F11 for 1/60 of a second.

The Mechanical Section is requested to process
the enclosed film and make two (2) Xerox prints each of
approximately 125 exposures.

Departmental Attorney RAYMOND TERRY advised that
this matter is going to trial on or about 1/22/68 and he
requested expedite handling to have the prints delivered

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to the Departmental Attorneys in New Orleans in time for
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Fine Grain 16 mm film, Product #1120.The Mechanical Section is requested to process
the enclosed film and make three (3) Xerox prints of
approximately 575 different exposures.The Bureau is requested to disseminate one Xerox
copy to the Department and return two copies to New Orleans,
one for departmental attorneys and one for the Louisiana
Bar Assn., per the request of Departmental Attorney HUGH
FLEISHER.HUGH FLEISHER requested expeditious handling of
enclosed film as this matter goes to trial on or about
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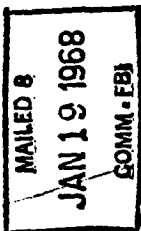
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
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ReNOairtel to Bureau dated 1/16/68.

Enclosed are three Xerox prints of film
submitted under cover of reairtel. Furnish all three
copies to Department attorneys as requested.

You should, upon receipt of the Xerox
prints, hand carry all three copies to Department Attorney
Hugh Fleisher as trial date in this matter will commence
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D.C. Attorney Within Bounds, La. Bar Says

An attorney for the Louisiana Bar Association said today he does not believe civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol violated state law by practicing without a license.

The bar association has intervened against Sobol in a federal court suit in which Sobol is seeking an injunction against Plaquemines Parish authorities who have charged him with breaking the state law concerning legal practice.

But bar association attorney Cicero C. Sessions said the group took its action solely to preserve the constitutionality of the state law, and said he does not believe Sobol was in violation of it.

A THREE-JUDGE federal panel is hearing Sobol's request for an injunction, and resumed the hearing this afternoon after most of the morning was taken up with conferences between judges, attorneys and principals.

Sessions said there is no set length of time limiting the participation of a qualified visiting attorney as long as he is not a resident of the state. Testimony yesterday centered around the question of whether Sobol has become a Louisiana resident.

If he is a resident, he would have to pass the state bar exam in order to practice law. But Sessions said he did not believe Sobol was a resident at the time of his arrest.

In a brief session this morning, attorney Robert F. Collins was cross examined by Plaquemines counsel.

Collins testified yesterday, saying the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee was interested in getting its attorneys admitted to practice in

Federal Court here, and not in state courts.

HE WAS PRECEDED to the stand by local attorney Lolis Elie, a Negro, who testified that a lack of confidence in most Louisiana lawyers caused out-of-state counsel to be brought here to defend civil rights workers.

Because of "social pressures" very few white lawyers would help in such cases.

Sobol was arrested after a conference with Judge Eugene E. Leon, of the 25th Judicial District Court.

Sobol is a member of the LCDC, which has sent many attorneys into the South since 1964 to offer free legal defense for rights case defendants.

ELIE, WHO practices law with Collins and Nils Douglas, told the court they encountered harrassment in various parts of the state during the handling of 500 to 600 cases in the past few years.

He said Congressman John Rarick, a former state judge, displayed a Ku Klux Klan flag in his courtroom, made insulting remarks about Negroes and pointed to a tree outside, saying that a Negro deputy sheriff had been lynched there 50 years ago.

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STATES - ITEM
 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Date: 1-23-68

Edition:

Author: FINAL

Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY

Title: RICHARD B. SOBOL

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Plaquemines Arrest Suit Quiz Continues

Attorney Robert F. Collins was cross examined by Plaquemines Parish counsel today in a three-judge federal courtroom. A hearing on a writ brought against the parish by a Washington, D. C., lawyer arrested a year ago for practicing law without a Louisiana license.

The plaintiff-lawyer, Richard B. Sobol, will also be a witness in the hearing, expected to last three days. The court is comprised of U.S. District Court of Appeals Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., and District Judges Fred J. Cassibry and Frederick J. R. Heebe.

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The discussion concerned an appeal for a civil rights client of Sobol. The attorney's suit attacks the constitutionality of Louisiana law which regulates practice of out-of-state attorneys.

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He and his partners considered carefully before going into Plaquemines, he said. He said, "John Dowling told us the harassment would be different if we were there that Mr. Leander Perez would try to plant narcotics on us."

Dowling, an attorney, represents the Criminal Courts Bar Association in this case. In addition to the bar association, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Louisiana State Bar Association have intervened in the case.

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Cite Non-La. Lawyer Needs In Rights Cases

Two New Orleans lawyers have testified in federal court that there is a need for out-of-state attorneys to handle Louisiana civil rights cases.

This was the testimony yesterday of Benjamin E. Smith and John Nelson, white attorneys who added that they have been harassed in connection with their handling of civil rights cases.

THE TWO were testifying in the case of Richard Sobol, a Washington, D.C., attorney active in civil rights work here for the past year and a half. Sobol has been staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, a civil rights group.

Sobol is attacking on constitutional grounds the Louisiana law governing legal practice, and is suing Plaquemines Parish officials to prevent being prosecuted on a charge of practicing without a license.

A SPECIAL three-judge court, composed of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred Cassibry, is hearing the case.

Plaquemines officials had arrested Sobol last January as he left the parish courthouse. The attorney had been conferring with Judge Eugene Leon of the 25th Judicial District about an appeal for Gary Duncan, a Negro convicted of simple battery.

SMITH TOLD the court yesterday that he and his family have been harassed by hate letters and crank phone calls. He also claimed that Negroes and whites who are active in civil rights are generally unable to obtain competent legal aid in rural communities.

He testified that many Negroes distrust white lawyers, identifying them with law enforcement and management interests.

SMITH SAID that he has handled civil rights cases since 1954 in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, adding that he is not licensed to practice in Alabama or Mississippi.

Nelson concurred with Smith's remarks and both of the men said that there is a need for Sobol's work in Louisiana.

The court recessed yesterday and will resume Monday. The case is expected to continue through next week.

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No Protest Given on Role with Case Earlier--Sobol

Objection Heard on Day of Sentencing, He Says

Civil rights attorney Richard Sobol, who is under a charge in Plaquemines Parish for practicing law without a license, claimed Tuesday that the judge before whom he defended a case never objected to his taking part until the day the defendant was sentenced.

The Washington D.C., attorney, who has been doing civil rights work here for about a year and a half, gave this testimony when he took the witness stand in his federal court case in which he is seeking to restrain his prosecution in Plaquemines.

He is also attacking the constitutionality of the Louisiana statute governing the rights of out-of-state attorneys to practice.

His case is being heard by a special three-judge court composed of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry. The case will continue Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Sobol was arrested in the Plaquemines Parish courthouse on Feb. 21, 1967, after he had conferred with Judge Eugene Leon about bond for Gary Duncan, a Negro he had defended and who was found guilty of battery.

Sobol is chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee and his attorneys are seeking to show that he is in Louisiana on a temporary basis and that Louisiana licensed attorneys are not available to defend civil rights cases.

Duncan was charged with simple battery as a result of an incident which took place between two Negroes and four white youths near a recently desegregated public school in Plaquemines.

The LCDC attorney was called to the stand by his attorney, Alvin Bronstein as the afternoon session of court began.

Earlier in the day the court heard testimony from Sam Monk Zelden, a New Orleans attorney who was called out of turn by attorney Cicero C. Sisk, who is representing the Louisiana State Bar Association; The Rev. Albert J. McKnight, a Negro Catholic priest from Delcambre; and Duncan.

TRACES EXPERIENCE

Sobol testified that he is a graduate of the Columbia University law school and has been admitted to practice in New York, and the District of Columbia and before the Supreme Court of the United States, the District of Columbia Circuit Court, the United States Fifth Circuit, and the federal court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Under Bronstein's questioning he related his scholastic achievements and of much special effort in the field of constitutional law.

For a little over three years before coming to Louisiana, Sobol said, he was associated with a large Washington law firm.

He related that he was a volunteer attorney for the LCDC during August, 1965 and then returned here on Aug. 1, 1966 when he was employed as staff attorney for LCDC. At that time, he added, he left Washington on a leave of absence from the firm of Arnold and Porter and is expected to return to that firm.

His salary when he left Washington, the witness asserted, was \$24,000 a year and he took the position with LCDC for \$2,900 a year but has been raised to \$15,000 since he became chief staff counsel. He claimed that his contemporaries who are still with the Washington firm are making as much as \$32,000 a year.

DESCRIBES CASES

Bronstein placed into the record a number of credit cards

showing Sobol to be a resident of Washington, an automobile registration, and drivers licenses for Sobol and his wife for Washington and New Orleans.

Sobol said that he still maintains a checking account with a Washington bank and has never had a personal bank account here.

The civil rights attorney also testified that he has handled cases in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama since taking the position with LCDC and has practiced in both federal and state courts in these states.

He described cases in many fields of civil rights law which he said he has handled. He said that no question of his right to practice was ever questioned.

Sobol asserted that he has never received a fee while with LCDC. "Indigency is not a requirement but it usually turns out to be a fact," he said.

He repeated testimony given by other witnesses so far in the case that Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana have no trust or confidence in local attorneys when it comes to civil rights matters.

The attorney claimed that he would not be able to do his work if he were restricted to one state. Bronstein contended that

state boundaries are meaningless in this type of work.

Recounting his connection with the Duncan case, Sobol said that his first contact with it was when Duncan's parents appeared at the office of the law firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie.

He asserted that he discussed the matter with Robert Collins, one of the partners in the firm and that he and Collins conferred with Duncan and his witnesses. With some "trepidation," he added, they decided to accept a Plaquemines case.

Sobol contends that throughout this case and others he was associated with the local law firm.

He asserted that in November of 1966, after taking the case, he met Judge Leon with Collins and was introduced by Collins as a Washington attorney.

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Asked by Bronstein if Judge Leon at this time objected to his participation in the matter, Sobol said "My recollection was that there was some assent by Judge Leon. I can't recall the words, it might have been just a shake of the head."

QUESTION RAISED
He claimed that throughout further preliminary proceedings his appearances were never objected to by the court or anyone else.

Duncan was tried and convicted on Jan. 25, 1967, Sobol testified, and sentencing was set for Feb. 1, 1967.

At this time, the attorney testified, Judge Leon raised the question of Lolis Elie, a partner in the Collins, Douglas and Elie firm, being an assistant district attorney in Orleans Parish.

A state law went into effect Jan. 1, 1967, prohibiting anyone associated with a district attorney from taking part in criminal cases in Louisiana. Elie was an assistant prosecutor for a short time.

Sobol told the court that he attempted to convince Judge Leon that he did not think this applied in cases which were already in litigation but the judge said that he did not want anyone associated with the firm in the case.

It was after the Louisiana Supreme Court refused a writ in the Duncan case that Sobol said he went back to see Judge Leon about posting an appeal bond to the United States Supreme Court that he was arrested.

DUNCAN APPEALING

In all of his appearances before Judge Leon, Sobol said, he was never told not to appear without locally associated counsel.

Duncan's appeal is presently before the United States Supreme Court on the question of denial of a jury trial.

On cross examination Sidney W. Provensal, attorney for Leander H. Perez Jr., district attorney of Plaquemines, and Judge Leon, sought to show that Duncan was not properly defended by Sobol and that Sobol has had little experience in the trial of criminal cases.

Asked when he plans on leaving Louisiana, the Washington

attorney said that he has agreed to stay until Oct. 1, 1968 and that he is due back at his Washington firm after that date.

When Zelden took the stand he testified that he has practiced in many parishes of the state, including Plaquemines, and that he has many Negro clients.

He was then asked by Sessions if he would refuse to represent a Negro client in a case involving constitutional rights in a civil rights context.

"I have never turned down a case of that character or any other case in which I thought a person needed help," he replied. "I would handle it to the best of my ability."

The attorney claimed that it is not true that Negroes generally have a distrust of white lawyers in Louisiana and answered in the affirmative when Sessions asked a series of questions concerning his opinion as to whether rights organizations such as the LCDC have inculcated and planted this feeling in the Negro population.

Questioned by Provensal, the witness said that he had been treated cordially in Plaquemines Parish and always "came away with all my parts."

Asked if he would return to Plaquemines to try a case, he said that he would "if my passport was still good."

JOKING-ZELDEN

On close examination Bronstein asked Zelden to explain his reference to the passport and coming away from Plaquemines with all his parts. Zelden replied that he was joking.

Zelden admitted that he has never handled cases involving charges growing out of the 1964 Civil Rights Act or the 1965 Voting Rights Act or the desegregation of schools or desegregation of public facilities.

Bronstein asked him if he knew any white lawyer in the state who would handle the type of case and Zelden answered "Offhand I can't name any but I think I do."

Zelden also said that he knows of no place in the state where a lawyer would not be available to Negroes.

The witness was then questioned by Owen Fiss, attorneys for the United States Justice Department about a case he (Zelden) handled about 20 years ago in Plaquemines involving

an election dispute. The questions were intended to refute Zelden's statement about not having had any trouble in the parish.

TELLS OF DEPUTIES

Zelden said that the case was before the Parish Democratic Executive Committee and at first he was opposed by Bruce Nunez, now a judge in Plaquemines, but during the hearing Leander H. Perez Sr., told Nunez to sit down and he would take over.

Zelden said that he was representing a group seeking to qualify in an election.

The witness then explained "I did not mean I had no difficulty. I meant not more than the usual difficulty."

Fiss asked "Do you recall leaving the courthouse that evening and being approached by a group of deputies?"

"Yes," Zelden said. "How many were there?" the government attorney asked.

"Five. As I came out it was dark. There were no other cars around and as I went to my car they got out of the car they were in," Zelden recounted.

Asked about the attitude of the deputies, he continued, "Let me say they didn't have any love or affection in their minds."

"Did they have any weapons?" Fiss asked.

'JUST BLACKJACKS'

"No, just blackjacks," the attorney replied.

The government attorney then asked the witness if he said anything to the deputies and Zelden replied that he would not repeat what he said because there were ladies in the court.

"They had sinister motives and they finally changed their minds and let me leave," he said.

Father McKnight testified that he came to Louisiana in 1953 and has been stationed in Lafayette, Abbeville and Lake Charles in addition to his present assignment in Delcambre.

In answer to Bronstein's questions he described his involvement in civil rights work, particularly with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the poverty program.

The witness said that he has been successful in obtaining the services of white attorneys for regular legal work but not for

cases relating to civil rights work.

OFFICE RAIDED

He testified that on April 5, 1967 the office of the cooperative organization was raided by the district attorney and the attorney who had handled the organization's routine matters was unavailable.

Father McKnight asserted that he was in Washington, D.C., at the time attending a poverty program meeting and one of the persons there suggested that he get in touch with Jack Nelson, a New Orleans attorney who is active in civil rights.

The priest told the court that through Nelson he obtained the services of Sobol and through Sobol's efforts the case was resolved satisfactorily. He said that the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals restrained the prosecution through Sobol's efforts.

Father McKnight said that he has no confidence in local white lawyers and on cross examination by Provensal he testified that many of the Negro attorneys mentioned by Provensal were unacceptable to him.

He explained that he meant no discredit on the Negroes personally, but regarded the legal training they received in Louisiana inferior. He added that this is especially true of those who were educated at Southern University.

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Negroes Can't Get Legal Help, Say Rights Leaders

White Attorneys Afraid of Intimidation, Claim

Two Negro civil rights leaders testified Monday in federal district court that Negroes have been unable to receive legal help from white lawyers in their localities because the attorneys fear intimidation and harassment.

Their testimony came in the case of Richard B. Sobol, a Washington, D. C. attorney, who has been taking part in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the past three years as staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, a civil rights lawyers group.

Sobol was arrested Feb. 21, 1967, on a charge of practicing law in Louisiana without a license as he was leaving the Plaquemines Parish courthouse after conferring with Judge Eugene Leon about an appeal for a Negro client who had been convicted of battery in connection with an incident near a recently desegregated school.

THREE-JUDGE COURT

On trial before a special three judge federal court is a suit by Sobol in which he seeks to enjoin his prosecution on that charge.

He also asks that the Louisiana statute governing the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys be declared unconstitutional.

Hearing the case are Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

Witnesses who gave testimony concerning alleged difficulties on the part of civil rights workers in obtaining services from Louisiana licensed attorneys included A. Z. Young, president of the Bogalusa Voters League and Elmer C. Wyche, Tallulah, president of the Madison Parish Voters League and a member

of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in that parish.

OTHER WITNESSES

Other witnesses during Monday's hearing included Gary Duncan, the client Sobol was representing in Plaquemines when he was arrested, and John P. Nelson Jr., a New Orleans white attorney who has been active in civil rights cases.

Nelson was examined during last week's proceedings but was called back to the witness stand at the beginning of court Monday to conclude his testimony. Young testified that civil rights activities were increased in Bogalusa in 1965 by the Voters League after the Ku Klux Klan began to intimidate and harass Negroes in the area.

He said that at that time the Congress of Racial Equality came into the picture and brought in out-of-state attorneys of the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee to handle suits for school desegregation, desegregation of public accommodations, and other types of litigation.

Young asserted that Negroes were not able to hire lawyers in Bogalusa and added, "I don't believe no lawyer in Bogalusa would have represented them."

FEAR KKK CLAIM

Asked by Alvin Bronstein, Sobol's attorney, why he be-

lieved this to be true, Young said that the lawyers in Bogalusa fear the KKK.

The witness testified that Bronstein, whose LCDC headquarters are in Jackson, Miss., was the first attorney brought to Bogalusa by James Farmer, national director of CORE, after a rights demonstration had been broken up by the KKK.

Young recited a number of rights cases which have been handled by attorneys of the LCDC and asserted that because of federal court injunctions which have been obtained by these attorneys con-

ditions in Bogalusa have changed and ~~right~~ workers are being given protection by the local police.

'BLACK POWER'

On cross examination by Sidney W. Provencal Jr., attorney for Plaquemines Parish officials, Young denied that he is a "Black Power" advocate.

"I am not a 'Black Power' advocate as such, but I believe in 'Black Power' up to a point," he said.

He also denied that he carried a pistol when he took part in a march from Bogalusa to Baton Rouge last summer when "Black Power" leader H. Rap Brown was scheduled to speak from the Capitol steps.

While being questioned by Cicero C. Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana State Bar Association, an intervenor in the case, Brown claimed that Sobol is "responsible for me and a lot of other Negroes not being dead or in Angola."

NO NEGRO ATTORNEYS

Wyche, a barber by trade and active civil rights worker in the Madison Parish area since 1965, testified that there are no Negro attorneys in the parish and only six or seven white lawyers.

He testified that he approached two of the white attorneys in 1966 in connection with civil rights matters.

Both refused to handle the cases, he said, and one of them told him "if I do it these people in town will kill me."

The other said, "that would kill my practice in Tallulah," the witness added.

He said that his first contact with Sobol and Bronstein was when he was arrested and charged with burglary and assault in connection with his investigation of a civil rights complaint at a 24-hour truck stop in Tallulah.

FIRST CONTACT

His first contact with LCDC lawyers, he asserted, was in 1965 when 61 civil rights workers were arrested for integrat-

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ing a restaurant. If it had not been for the LCDC they would not have had representation, he said.

When asked about the effect of Sobol's arrest on him, Wyche said, "It shook me up because if Mr. Sobol was found guilty and LCDC lawyers were restricted from practicing, the Negroes seeking equal rights would be in a bad fix because they would be unable to get Louisiana lawyers to handle civil rights cases." He added that it would "be about the end" of civil rights work.

Sobol's attorney is seeking to show that there are an inadequate number of Louisiana attorneys willing to do civil rights work and his opponents claim that Negroes are adequately represented by attorneys licensed to practice here.

Duncan, a resident of Boothville, described the incident which led to his arrest, claiming that he went to the assistance of his two nephews who were being harassed by four white youths.

SOBOL'S ASSISTANCE

He said that Sobol's assistance was obtained by his mother and father and that he never intended to get a lawyer from Plaquemines Parish "because all he would have done is to get me to plead guilty."

Duncan's conviction is now on appeal before the United States Supreme Court.

During his morning testimony Nelson told of his efforts to organize a Southern Lawyers Legal Defense Fund which he said would have allowed attorneys in the South to act independently without influence from any organization.

He asserted, on questioning by Bronstein, that it was his idea to develop a board to subsidize those attorneys who wanted to handle civil rights cases without interference from outside sources.

Nelson said that these efforts met with little success but later at a meeting of a local bar group he asked that the organization develop a symposium for attorneys to discuss "direct action and passive resistance" which he termed civil rights action.

DROPPED FROM GROUP

He said that this meeting was in December of 1963, and on the following day he was notified

that he had been dropped from membership in the organization for being "out of step" with his dues.

Relating other efforts along these lines, the attorney asserted that after the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed he went to Leon Sarpy, a former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, to discuss a program for the bar to volunteer attorneys for civil rights work but heard nothing more about his suggestion.

He added that he then made no further efforts to involve Louisiana lawyers in civil rights matters.

"I realize that no lawyer has to handle a case, but I thought that the profession in Louisiana did not fulfill what I thought to be a responsibility to create an environment for a lawyer who wanted to take one of these cases without the fantastic pressures brought on him, particularly the white lawyer," Nelson asserted.

In answer to further questioning by Bronstein, Nelson voiced the opinion, based on what he said were discussions with Negroes and civil rights workers, that the average Negro in the state has no confidence in the merits of his cause and as a result the Negroes stay away from white lawyers when civil rights issues are involved.

He also expressed the opinion that Sobol's arrest in Plaquemines Parish would deter other white attorneys from handling similar cases in that parish and would also deter Negroes from seeking white attorneys.

Questioned under cross examination by Provensal, the attorney admitted that he has been treated cordially when he practices in Plaquemines and that white attorneys in the New Orleans area will raise all constitutional questions in defense of Negro clients.

But he added, "I do not know that they will raise issues of state action as it regards the Fourteenth Amendment."

He also claim that his efforts to form a Southern Defense Fund was not to enable lawyers to make fees but merely to provide a fund from which attorneys could receive out-of-pocket expenses.

He told Thomas M. Brahney Jr., an assistant state attorney general, that he wanted the organization to be composed of responsible Southern lawyers, deans of law schools and deans of the bar associations in order to let Negroes know that white lawyers are concerned.

ACCEPTS EXPENSES

Answering the questions of Sessions, Nelson said that he has never made a profit on civil rights cases he has handled but has accepted expenses.

He also admitted that he has never submitted to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association any proposal for an organization such as the type he described on his direct examination.

He added that in one instance he proposed that the bar set up a legal aid office in the Ninth Ward after Hurricane Betsy.

Nelson claimed that the LSBA

has refused to cooperate in the operation of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, an organization set up under auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and added "the bar generally in Louisiana has abdicated any leadership in any way it affected the Negro's quest for equality."

He told the court that in his opinion the state bar has not actively opposed NOLAC but is not cooperating.

SIX LAYMEN ON BOARD

Asked by Sessions if this is not because the organization is under lay control, Nelson replied that as a matter of fact the organization is not under lay control, having six laymen out of 21 members on the board of directors.

Nelson charged that the idea of lay people on the board is "a cloak" the LSBA is using.

Sessions sought to show that in his evaluation Nelson has not taken into consideration any of the legal limitations on the LSBA's ability to do certain things.

The bar association's attorney placed into evidence a letter from John Pat Little, the

LSBA's president, stating that the association "cannot participate as it (NOLAC) is presently formed."

Sessions took the position that there are no other grounds for non-cooperation other than the laymen on the organization board.

Nelson said that the OEO has such regulations and that was the only way the organization could be set up. "It is my opinion that the state bar does not want the program," he asserted, adding that the bar could appoint 10 of the 21 board members.

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Judge Defends La. Lawyers In Sobol Case

Judge Bernard J. Bagert of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court changed seats today to testify to his confidence in Louisiana attorneys in a special three-judge Federal Court.

Testimony was given in the suit started by Richard B. Sobol, Washington, D. C., attorney who has been active in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the past year and a half. He is seeking to prevent his prosecution by Plaquemines Parish on a charge of practicing law without a state license.

SOBOL IS also attacking the constitutionality of Louisiana law regulating practice by out-of-state attorneys.

Bagert testified that lawyers in New Orleans are "well qualified, industrious and energetic" and added that he could "use all kinds of superlatives" in describing them.

He told the court that "certainly these lawyers raise all possible constitutional defenses in the case of Negro clients."

In answer to questions by Sidney W. Provensal, representing the Plaquemines officials, he said he treats all Negro attorneys with the same courtesy accorded white lawyers.

HE EXPRESSED the opinion that Negroes involved in civil rights cases could get representation by New Orleans attorneys.

Bagert was also asked if he thought a New Orleans attorney would take a position with the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, an organization handling civil rights cases in the South, for \$15,000 a year. He replied, "Yes, the average lawyer does not make that kind of money."

Bagert testified he could require an out-of-state attorney to be accompanied by a qualified Louisiana licensed attorney throughout a trial in his court.

WIN J. Bronstein, representing Sobol, asked the judge if he had ever discussed the need for Negro representation in civil rights cases, and he answered, "No, not exactly."

Defendants in Sobol's suit are Leander H. Perez Sr., segregationist leader; Leander H. Perez Jr., district attorney, and Judge Eugene Leon, of the 25th Judicial District Court.

The suit is being heard by Circuit Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

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Leon Testifies in Sobol Case

Didn't Know Lawyer Not Licensed, He Says

Judge Eugene E. Leon of Plaquemines Parish testified Monday in federal court that when he was first introduced to Washington civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol nothing was said to indicate that the attorney was not licensed to practice law in Louisiana.

The judge was one of the last witnesses called to the stand by Sidney W. Provensal Jr., attorney for the defense in a case brought by Sobol seeking to block his prosecution on a charge of practicing law without a license.

Sobol is also attacking the constitutionality of the Louisiana statute regulating the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys.

During the day's proceedings Provensal called 14 witnesses on behalf of his clients, Judge Leon, segregationist leader Leander H. Perez Sr., and Plaquemines district attorney Leander H. Perez Jr.

TWO MORE TO CALL

Provensal told the court that he has two additional witnesses to call Tuesday who were not available Monday and will then rest his case.

The Louisiana State Bar Association has intervened in the matter on the side of the defendants in order to defend the constitutionality of the state statute and began the presentation of its case after Provensal used all of his available witnesses.

The federal court case is an outgrowth of Sobol's arrest in Pointe a la Hache on Feb. 21, 1967, after he had conferred

with Judge Leon about an appeal for Gary Duncan, a Negro client who had been convicted of simple battery.

During the course of the trial Alvin Bronstein, attorney for Sobol, and Owen M. Fiss, an attorney for the United States Justice Department, have sought to show that there is a need for out-of-state attorneys who will handle affirmative civil rights cases because Louisiana's white attorneys generally will not take such cases and Negroes and others engaged in civil rights work have little confidence in most white attorneys.

The case is being heard by Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

CHIEF STAFF COUNSEL

Sobol is chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, an organization handling civil rights litigation mainly in the Southeastern states.

Judge Leon testified that before the federal court suit was filed against him he had never heard of the LCDC and at the time Sobol first appeared before him in the Duncan case he had no idea how long the attorney had been in Louisiana.

He also told the court that no matter how the present case turns out he will recuse himself in the event Sobol is tried in Plaquemines on the unauthorized practice of law suit.

INTRODUCED TO SOBOL

Judge Leon told of being introduced to Sobol when the Duncan charges were first prosecuted by Robert Collins, a New Orleans Negro attorney.

He also claimed that Duncan's alleged altercation with two white youths took place about a half mile from the Buras school and could be called a civil rights case or linked with school desegregation.

Provensal's last witness of the day was Leander H. Perez Jr., who testified that in his opinion the Duncan case did not involve civil rights and "as far as I'm concerned we have never had a civil rights case in Plaquemines Parish."

Under questioning by Provensal the district attorney claimed that he never heard about Duncan until Jan. 25, 1967, the day the case was being tried before Judge Leon. He said that he went into the courtroom and asked his assistant, Darryl Burbrig, to see the file.

Provensal offered the testimony of Judge Leon and the younger Perez to supplement

testimony they have already given by way of depositions.

ATTORNEYS CALLED

Earlier in the day Provensal called seven attorneys to the stand and each testified substantially that they would represent Negroes in criminal cases and urge all possible constitutional defenses. They asserted that they would do the same if the cases arose out of civil rights activities.

Cross examining these witnesses, Bronstein brought out these attorneys have never handled what he termed affirmative civil rights cases brought under provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, or to desegregate schools or public facilities.

The attorneys who testified in this way included Edward M. Baldwin, G. Wray Gill, Nathan Greenberg, Bernard Horton, Edward A. Wallace, Gilbert V. Andry III and George Ehrmig.

Another of Provensal's witnesses was Luke Petrovich, an attorney and member of the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council.

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1961 to represent a Negro charged with rape in Plaquemines and claimed that he raised the constitutional question of systematic exclusion from the jury of Negroes. He termed it an unpopular case in Plaquemines Parish.

Bronstein sought to show on cross examination that Petrovich and an associate, John Slavich, took the case to the Louisiana Supreme Court and then to the United States Supreme Court where writs were denied. Later the conviction was upset in the federal courts after attorney John Dowling brought out issues not raised by Petrovich and Slavich, testimony revealed.

Bronstein asked Petrovich if he were not an official of the parish would he take a case from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to desegregate rest rooms in the parish courthouse.

"I would have to think about it," he answered.

Asked if he is a close associate of Leander H. Perez Sr., Petrovich said, "I think so, yes."

George M. Leppert, a New Orleans attorney was called to the stand by Cicero C. Sessions, one of the attorneys representing the state bar. Leppert said that although he now is engaged mainly in brief writing for other attorneys, he has never had any hesitation about handling cases for Negroes. He also claimed that in his opinion Negroes have confidence in white attorneys.

The LSBA's only other witness of the day was Thomas O. Collins Jr., executive counsel for the association.

He claimed that the association has no restrictions or restraints on Negro members attending the LSBA's annual convention in Biloxi and any such restriction would be contrary to association policy.

The location of the convention in Biloxi has nothing to do with segregation, he asserted.

The witness explained that until recently New Orleans was the only city with convention facilities large enough for the meeting and that the association has experienced difficulty getting New Orleans members to participate fully in business meetings when it is held in the city.

Collins testified that he knows of no other instance since 1965 when he took the position other than the Sobol case in which an attorney has been charged with unauthorized practice.

He also claimed that there is no discrimination in the admission of members to the LSBA.

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Plaquemines Rights Defense Peril--Lawyer

A Negro attorney testified before a special three-judge federal court today he would go to Plaquemines Parish to defend civil rights workers, but with "qualms and reluctance."

"I wouldn't rush down there," John Jones of East Baton Rouge said. "I know its reputation. But I would go. Dying for a cause in Plaquemines Parish is like dying for a cause anywhere."

JONES TOOK THE stand in a suit instituted by Richard B. Sobol, Washington, D. C., attorney to block prosecution by Plaquemines Parish on a charge of practicing law in Louisiana without a state license. He has been active in civil rights litigation in the state for the past year and a half as chief staff counsel for the lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee.

He also is attacking the constitutionality of the state law regulating practice by out-of-state attorneys.

JONES TESTIFIED that disbarment proceedings were filed against him by the East Baton

Rouge School Board after he represented Negro children in a school desegregation movement. Asked if he considered the filing of charges as harassment and intimidation, Jones replied that he did. "It certainly hurt my practice," he said.

O. M. FISS, U.S. Department of Justice attorney intervening on behalf of the plaintiff, queried Jones as to whether the representation of the Louisiana Bar Association Committee on Ethics and Grievances had told him that if he pleaded guilty to the charges of soliciting business and creating strife, he would receive only a reprimand. He said that was true but he had refused.

NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY John Cummings also took the stand and testified that he has had no experience with a lack of confidence by Negroes of white lawyers in the state. He said he takes personal injury cases primarily and that about 20 per cent of his clients are Negroes.

The suit, which is in its third week, is scheduled to be completed today.

THE PLAINTIFF is seeking to establish the need of out-of-state attorneys for adequate representation for civil rights workers in litigation. The defense maintains there is sufficient and qualified legal aid available in the state.

The three-judge panel yesterday heard President John Pat Little of the Louisiana State Bar Association deny that the association has refused to cooperate in a federally sponsored program of legal aid to Plaquemines residents.

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Claims Rights Cases Blocked By 'Outsiders'

The presence of out-of-state attorneys has helped prevent prosecution of civil rights workers in Louisiana, a Washington, D. C. lawyer testified today.

Richard B. Sobol, a civil rights attorney, took the stand today in his federal district court suit to enjoin Plaquemines Parish authorities from prosecuting him for practicing law without a license.

HE WAS questioned by Cicero Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana Bar Association, which has intervened on behalf of the defense. Sobol said "those persons who might prosecute a civil rights worker are less likely to do so if they know those individuals will have adequate representation."

Sobol said under questioning he sent telegrams to television stations asking equal time to answer Gov. John J. McKeithen's criticism of civil rights marchers in Bogalusa last year.

SESSIONS ALSO delved into the matter of the funding of Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, which has sent lawyers into the South since 1964.

Sobol said he knew of foundations, including the Ford and the Field foundations, which had contributed but that he had no access to lists of all donors.

Alvin J. Bronstein, Sobol's attorney, objected to the question being pursued into the list of individual donors because if Louisiana contributors appeared there might be reprisal against them in the state.

THROUGH AGREEMENT of the attorneys for both sides and the judges, individual names were not requested.

Asked if LCDC would hire competent Louisiana lawyers to represent clients in civil rights cases, Sobol replied the organization would certainly do so if one were willing to take the case.

Previous testimony had been heard that white lawyers in the state will not generally take such cases and that many Negro attorneys are not acceptable due to inadequate training.

SOBOL, UNDER questioning today, said the inferior education of Negro attorneys, particularly in the South, is recognized and that he has been requested by the Education Test Services, which has headquarters in Princeton, N. J., to conduct workshops for Negro law students in the state.

Sobol told the court yesterday that Judge Eugene Leon of Plaquemines Parish did not object to his practice before him until Gary Duncan, Negro, whom he was defending at the time of his arrest in 1967, was sentenced. Duncan was charged and later convicted of battery in a school desegregation altercation.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS attorney said that the firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie of New Orleans accepted the case with some "trepidation" after he had consulted with a partner of the firm.

Sobol said he was arrested Feb. 21, 1967, in the Plaquemines Parish courthouse after he had conferred with Judge Leon about an appeal bond to the U.S. Supreme Court for Duncan.

Sidney W. Provensal, attorney for Leander H. Perez Jr., Plaquemines Parish district attorney, and Judge Leon cross-examined Sobol in an attempt to show he has had little experience in trying criminal cases.

EARLIER SOBOL explained his background under questioning by his attorney, Alvin Bron-

Sobol said that for more than three years before coming to Louisiana he was associated with a Washington, D. C., law firm and had been a volunteer attorney for the LCDC during August 1965. He said he returned to Louisiana in August 1966.

While working for the Washington firm of Arnold and Porter he said he had a \$24,000-a-year salary. When he joined LCDC he made \$2,900 a year. His salary has been raised to \$15,000 since he became chief counsel, he said.

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Bar President Denies Refusal

Says Policy Favors Aid for Indigent Program

The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association denied Tuesday in federal court that the association has refused to cooperate in a federally sponsored program of legal aid for the indigent.

John Pat Little of New Orleans took issue with testimony given earlier in the case of civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol, claiming that the association's policy is to assist in the establishment of such a program throughout the state but that so far it has serious objections to the organization of the program.

The bar president sought to refute the previous testimony of Richard Buckley, executive director of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation which began operations here in January.

Little was called as a witness in the special three-judge case in which Sobol, chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, is seeking to enjoin his prosecution in Plaquemines Parish on charges of unauthorized practice of law.

STATUTE ATTACKED

The civil rights attorney from Washington D.C., is also asking the federal court to declare unconstitutional the Louisiana statute governing the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys.

Sobol was arrested Jan. 21, 1967, in the Pointe-a-la-Hache courthouse while making arrangements for a bond to be posted for a Negro client who had been convicted of simple battery.

Defendants in federal court include segregationist and former head of the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council Leander H. Perez Sr., district attorney, and Leander H. Perez Jr.,

and Judge Eugene H. Leon of the 25th Judicial District, which includes Plaquemines.

During the trial Sobol's attorney, Alvin Bronstein, has sought to show that there is a need in Louisiana, particularly in the rural parishes, for out-of-state attorneys to handle affirmative civil rights cases. The United States Department of Justice, represented by Owen M. Fiss, is an intervenor in the case on the side of Sobol.

DEFENSE CLAIM

The defendants, represented by Sidney W. Provensal Jr. and the Louisiana State Bar Association, which has intervened in an effort to defend the state statute, have attempted to show that Louisiana attorneys are available in adequate numbers and are competent to defend Negroes and civil rights workers.

Sobol's client in Plaquemines, Gary Duncan, was arrested in connection with an altercation with four white attorneys are available in adequate numbers and are competent to defend Negroes and civil rights workers.

Sobol claims that it was connected with school desegregation in the parish.

Judge Leon testified Monday that he did not consider the Duncan a civil rights case. It was inadvertently reported in The Times-Picayune that the judge considered it a civil rights matter.

When Little was called to the stand by Cicero C. Sessions, an attorney for the LSBA, he summarized the position of the state bar on legal aid and said that the association has never carried on such a program itself but has encouraged it on a local level.

PROBLEM IN PROGRAM

He asserted that there has been some problem getting the program started in some of the rural parishes where there are few attorneys.

Little asserted that the recent federally sponsored legal aid program follows more or less the same pattern in that it is

set up on a local basis.

The witness also claimed that previous legal aid programs in the various parishes of the state have not been limited to any race or particular class of litigation but has been open to all indigents, including Negroes involved in criminal cases arising out of civil rights work.

Little testified that the LSBA has objected to the program sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity because of the composition of its board of directors, the eligibility standards for clients, the type of service to be rendered and because it takes only a majority of the board to hire a director but three fourths to fire him "which looks like sealing somebody into a job."

INFLUENCE ON BOARD

He claimed that the board of the organization would be influenced by laymen and not attorneys and that this would not be in the best interest of the beneficiary. He added that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union are represented on board.

With reference to the eligibility requirements, Little said that "slum landlords and others who ride around in big automobiles" could technically qualify for legal aid because their "earned" income could be less than \$50 a week.

Last witness of the day called by Sessions was Edward F. Glusman, Baton Rouge, chairman of the LSBA's committee on the Unauthorized Practice of the Law.

He testified that when the committee first became aware of the facts of the Sobol matter through Provensal it met and after hearing Provensal request that it intervene in the lawsuit to support the position of the Plaquemines district attorney it concluded that the district attorney had already taken action and no useful purpose would be served by intervening in the case.

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'PRIVATE FIGHT'

"We thought it was a private fight between Sobol and Perez," he asserted.

Questioned further by Sessions he said that had there been no charges filed and only a complaint by Provensal and Perez the committee, in his opinion, would have investigated the case and probably taken some action.

Later, he continued, when the Justice Department intervened and about 55 others filed amicus curiae briefs on the side of Sobol, the committee felt that the state statute was under direct attack and it was recommended to the LSBA's House of Delegates that the organization intervene.

Others called by Sessions included William F. Wessel, a representative of the New Orleans Criminal Courts Bar Association, and Floyd Reed, a New Orleans attorney, both testifying that in their opinions Negroes could receive adequate representation from local attorneys.

BAR EXAMINATIONS

Another witness was Frank McLoughlin, chairman of the LSBA's bar examinations committee who told of the mechanics of administering the examinations. He said that at no time is the race of an applicant known to the examiners.

Provensal rested his case after calling Judge Bernard J. Bagert, presiding judge of Criminal District Court, to the witness stand.

Judge Bagert testified that he considered New Orleans area attorneys well qualified in criminal law and added that he could "use all types of superlatives" to describe their competence.

He asserted that in his opinion they would urge all possible constitutional defenses for Negroes and would have no hesitation in handling cases for Negroes or unpopular cases.

The judge added that in his opinion attorneys who practice in criminal court would represent Negroes who may be charged with crimes growing out of civil rights activities.

STAFF COUNSEL

The witness also testified that

in his opinion there are a number of attorneys in New Orleans who would take the position of LCDC staff counsel for the \$15,000 annual salary which Sobol has testified that he is paid. The maximum salary paid the head of the Legal Aid Bureau here is \$7,000, he added.

If an out-of-state attorney attempted to practice in his court, Judge Bagert said, he would need to produce some qualification and would have to be associated with local counsel. The local attorney would also have to be present for the trial of the case, he asserted.

The judge was asked by Provensal if in his opinion Negroes have confidence in local white attorneys and the answer was "Positively."

Cicero C. Sessions, the LSBA attorney, then called Bascom D. Talley Jr., a Bogalusa attorney and former president of the bar association to the stand.

He claimed that he has represented Negroes "every time they have asked me," and when asked to estimate what percentage of his practice involves Negro clients he asserted "our books are desegregated and I can't tell."

He testified that as long as he has been an attorney the courts of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes have furnished counsel for indigent defendants and recently an Indigent Defendant Board was established for the Twenty-Second Judicial District.

He contended during his testimony that since civil rights demonstrations began in Bogalusa in the spring of 1965 Negroes have been able to get local attorneys to represent them but "the representation by local lawyers was meager because there was an abundance of counsel available on or before the arrests."

Talley said that he was active from 1962 to 1965 in a civic capacity to ease tensions between whites and Negroes.

"My position is that if you get a license to practice law you're only worth it if you abide by the law. I had a pragmatic economic reason to urge a dialogue between the races

... if intelligent whites talk to intelligent Negroes you've got

no problem ... I was spectacularly unsuccessful," he asserted.

NO NEED SEEN

He said that he sees no need for out-of-state attorneys because if Negroes choose local representation they can get it.

During his examination Talley made reference to his being the object of "a few bricks and crosses," and when asked by Bronstein to explain the reference, he said that it stemmed from an attempt by about 25 people to start a dialogue between whites and Negroes in the Bogalusa area "to eliminate the trouble you get on both sides when you get irresponsible people trying to run your community."

Talley was asked by Bronstein if he has represented Robert Hicks and A. Z. Young, two Bogalusa civil rights leaders, and he responded that he has in general legal matters but gets none of their civil rights business. "I think Mr. Elie's firm handles all that," the attorney added, referring to Lolis Elie, a member of the firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie, New Orleans Negro attorneys.

In other references to Hicks and Young, the Bogalusa attorney said "Both of them know that my view is that everybody should comply with the law. I don't like extremism no matter what color is it. A. Z. told me CORE will furnish all the lawyers he needs so I said 'why don't CORE get you the money.'"

This was in reference to Talley's testimony that on one occasion Young came to him to obtain money.

NO NAMES GIVEN

Asked specifically which lawyers in the Bogalusa area would represent Negroes, Talley refused to name anyone and said that he would not do so "because of my respect for my brother lawyers."

He added, "But I believe there are several in Washington Parish. When a defendant is in need of counsel all constitutional issues would be raised."

Bronstein asked the witness if in June, 1965, he would have brought an injunction suit

against Bogalusa officials for Young and Hicks as was done by out-of-state attorneys.

"Not for Young and Hicks because they were just as lawless as some of the whites," Talley said, but added that he thought about bringing such an action on another basis.

Dean Antonio Papale of the Loyola University School of Law testified that the law school was desegregated in the fall of 1954, and since that time there has been no distinction made as to race in admission policies.

Sessions sought to show that the scarcity of Negro attorneys is not just a local problem but a national one.

STUDY DESCRIBED

The dean described a study made by the American Association of Law Schools on the subject and said that it was not made with any particular state or region in mind.

He said that it disclosed that some law schools make concessions in admissions for Negroes because of disadvantages in cultural and educational background.

He described a program at the University of Mississippi's summer session in which Negroes are admitted who do not meet the university's minimum standards for the law school and are put through one course. If they do well in that course they are admitted to the regular law course. He said that the program has been "very fruitful."

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Re New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/29/67, and San Francisco report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/12/68. b7C

In view of the fact that all investigation requested by Departmental Attorneys, New Orleans, La., has been completed as well as photographs requested furnished the Department, this matter is being placed in a closed status in New Orleans, and no further action is contemplated by this division.

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Rights Deposition Shows Perez

By Jack Nelson
Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28 — Hollywood could hardly come up with two more appropriate adversaries — Alvin J. Bronstein, 39, handsome, dark-haired civil rights attorney from New York, and Judge Leander H. Perez Sr., 76, of Plaquemines Parish, La., a distinguished-looking, gray-haired political boss and old school segregationist.

They faced each other across a conference table, Bronstein with a legal pad loaded with questions, Perez puffing on a cigar and peering through light-rimmed glasses. From their encounter emerged a story of one man's iron-fisted domination of a parish (county) government for more than 40 years — a story of his influence on Louisiana politics and his unyielding opposition to the Federal Government in the civil rights movement.

Bronstein was taking a deposition from Perez for use in a Federal court suit challenging the right of Plaquemines and the State officials to prohibit out-of-state lawyers from representing Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana courts. The trial of the case before a three-judge court resumes here Monday.

After the taking of the deposition, another civil rights attorney commented, "You have to disagree with Perez almost completely, but you can grudgingly admire his blunt talk. He's honest about his bigotry."



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Bronstein, formerly chief counsel of the Lawyers for Constitutional Defense Committee and now a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, began the questioning of Perez by introducing himself and the plaintiff in the

case. Richard B. Sobol, Sobol is a young civil rights attorney from Washington and New York who had been arrested in Plaquemines Parish for "unauthorized practice of law." "Soboloff and Bronstein," Perez snorted, "it sounds like Russian to me."

Perez not only acknowledged but boasted of his political powers. He was elected Plaquemines' first judge in 1920 and later became district attorney, and president of the Parish Council—posts now held by his sons.

Perez, a millionaire and perhaps the parish's wealthiest landowner, declared he had set up the parish's fiscal policy and Plaquemines had the lowest tax rate in the State. He has made the parish's law, interpreted it and enforced it.

For two decades he has directed the Plaquemines Democratic Executive Committee and he often has had control or strong influence over the state committee. He says he has "written hun-

dreds of bills for the Legislature" and calls himself the legislators' "unofficial adviser."

As Parish Council president, Perez pushed through an order prohibiting demonstrations of more than 14 people without a permit. He proudly noted that no one has applied for a permit "and we have not had any such demonstrations."

Bronstein asked Perez about the Council's purchase of an old fort (Ft. St. Phillip) on the Mississippi River for use as a stockade to imprison any civil rights workers who might venture into Plaquemines.

"Yes, of course," was the reply, "because we felt that our jails were not large enough to accommodate the large number of demonstrators . . . that visited other places. So we prepared for them."

To reach Pointe a la Hache, the parish seat, by one route it is necessary to cross the Mississippi by ferry. Bronstein asked Perez if he had once told someone, "If Martin Luther King comes in, we'll guarantee his transportation across the river—part way that is."

"Possibly," Perez said. "Hey, are you defending Martin Luther King? Is he one of your idols?"

At another point, Bronstein asked about the adoption of a parish ordinance requiring that itinerant workers be fingerprinted.

"There was an influx of many hundreds . . . thousands of itinerant laborers. There were a number of undesirable characters and criminals who drifted into the parish as a result, especially one incident where a young woman was raped and attempted murder was committed . . ."

Bronstein asked if Perez

believed the council "has the power to enact an ordinance requiring the fingerprinting and mugging or registering of lawyers who come into the parish."

"That's entirely different," Perez said. If we found a lawyer with a criminal record we would handle him, sir, just as we handle itinerant workers . . .

"So, if you are a member, for instance, of the American Civil Liberties Union or any Communist organization, regardless of whether the Federal Government attempts to protect you, we would make it very inconvenient for you in the Parish of Plaquemines."

Bronstein: "Suppose I told you that . . . Mr. Sobol is an out-of-state lawyer and is affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union?"

Perez: "My answer would be that he belongs to an atheistic, Communistic organization, and in my community he would not be a good American, but just a rat," Perez said.

Suppose Sobol made a civil rights talk to a Negro audience in Plaquemines Parish, Bronstein asked.

Perez: "If I saw him agitating unthinking Negroes to disturb the peace I'd handle him personally, as a man. Yes, I'd stop him. Try and see, Mr. Sobol . . ."

Bronstein inquired about Perez's confirmation with two Negro attorneys from New Orleans who went to Plaquemines to represent several Negroes arrested there. Perez replied that he told the attorneys they could represent the Negroes, "but I said if they came down to start any trouble, I'd take care of it."

"Didn't you in fact suggest they get out of town?" asked Bronstein.

"I told them to use their

own judgment," Perez replied and went on to explain their judgment was to leave town. (According to an attorney's testimony during the Sobol case trial, the two attorneys found, upon arriving in Plaquemines Parish, that their clients had already been tried, convicted and sentenced.)

Had not Perez once urged Plaquemines citizens to refuse to cooperate with the FBI, which was investigating civil rights violations?

"Yes," he retorted. "At one time the secret police were knocking on doors. and I told the people . . . to tell them to go to hell. It was none of their business. Yes, we resent the Federal interference in our local government. Absolutely. It's un-American. It's unlawful. It's dictatorial. It's oppressive."

Did Perez believe civil rights legislation was part of the Communist conspiracy?

"That is correct, no doubt

about that. Of course it is. I read a Zionist book report, well, a few years ago. It was a secret book report. I got a copy of it in Washington where the Zionists boasted of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to gain influence in Washington, where the Zionists got full credit for the Black Monday (school desegregation) decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. They wine and dined and gave presents to the judges of the Supreme Court, strictly improper..."

Perez finally declared that Bronstein had strayed far afield in his questions and said, "With a mind as pigmented as yours, as limited, and with the ideologies that undoubtedly you have, I'm impressed that it's not the proper legal principles."

When Bronstein thanked him for the deposition and said goodbye, Perez replied: "Don't thank me. I'm not thanking you."

Bronstein: "Your manners are no concern of mine."

Perez (shucking his coat as if preparing for combat):

"What? ... You're not questioning your manners. Don't get personal."

S. W. Provensal, a Perez aide: "Judge, he's not questioning your manners. He knows better than that."

Perez, apparently pacified: "I guess he does. One thing I demand is respect."

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Reason for Decision

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TO : Mr. Marshall

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DATE: SEP 14 1973

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Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Mr. Thompson _____
Mr. Walters _____
Tele. Room _____
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-00) (P)
SUBJECT: RABBLE ROUSER INDEX
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

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Re SAC letter 67-47, 8/10/67.

In regards to referenced SAC letter, the following-
listed individuals are being suggested and background data
submitted for the Rabble Rouser Index:

[REDACTED]
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.
[REDACTED]

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Contained herewith are the original and four
copies each of separate write-ups for each of the above-
suggested persons.

EX 106
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ENCLOSURE
SEP 29 1967

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Open new 157 file
re Perez

cc. [unclear]

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX

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PR
WLS

NAME

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.

APPROVED _____

SEX

Male

ALIASES

RACE

White

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

Approximately 75 years of age

NATIONALITY

American

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

PEREZ was formerly the District Attorney of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana.

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

PEREZ is presently the Assistant District Attorney in Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana.

DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT

5'8" to
5'10"

WEIGHT

180 pounds

HAIR

Grey

EYES

DISTINGUISHING
CHARACTERISTICS

FBI #

OTHER IDENT #

RESIDENCE

Plaquemines Parish,
Louisiana

BUSINESS ADDRESS

Plaquemines Parish,
Louisiana

BUFILE # 157-7984
FIELD OFFICE FILE # 157-1132
SUBMITTING OFFICE New Orleans

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ENCLOSURE

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SUCCINCT RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

PEREZ was formerly the District Attorney for Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana, from 1924 until December, 1960, when he resigned in order for his son LEANDER H. PEREZ, JR., to replace him. He is now Assistant District Attorney in the same Parishes and is referred to as Plaquemines Parish's "political boss." PEREZ is a staunch segregationist who has traveled throughout Louisiana and, on occasion, outside the state of Louisiana preaching segregation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 29, 1967

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10204)

SUBJECT: RABBLE ROUSER INDEX
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

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Remylet dated 8/19/67 and SAC letter 67-47 dated 8/4/67.

Information on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whose names are included in the Rabble Rouser Index (RRI) of this office is current.

The Bureau has previously been advised that [REDACTED] has been deleted from the RRI of the New Orleans Office.

The following names are now also deleted from the RRI of the New Orleans Office:

- (1) LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.
(has retired)
- (2) [REDACTED]
(inactive; present whereabouts unknown) and
- (3) [REDACTED]
(inactive).

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2-Bureau (RM)

9-New Orleans

(1: [REDACTED])

(1: [REDACTED])

(1: [REDACTED])

(1: 157-1132) (LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.)

(1: [REDACTED])

(1: [REDACTED])

(1: 157-10204)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

12/8/67

157-1784-
Airtel

To: SAC, New Orleans (157-10294)

From: Director, FBI (157-7782)

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

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Reference is made to your letter dated November 29, 1967.

In accordance with your recommendation the name of Leander M. Perex, Sr., has been deleted from captioned index in view of his retirement.

Insufficient basis for the removal of the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from this index has been given by you; therefore, their names are not being removed at this time.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are the subjects of current name check requests; therefore, a succinct resume of their activities together with biographic data should be submitted to the Bureau under individual captions by December 14, 1967. You should thereafter comply with the instructions contained in SAC Letter 67-66 (G) dated September 12, 1967, and submit reports in the cases of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] within 30 days.

① - 157-7984 (Perex)

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1 - 157-new [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

DUPLICATE YELLOW

The succinct summaries requested of New Orleans are for the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

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57 DEC 19 1967

LEANDER H. PEREZ

1806 COMMERCE BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112

January 18, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please advise me of the total number of FBI Agents
employed by your office.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
LEANDER H. PEREZ

LHP:mld

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L. H. PEREZ AND SONS
COUNSELLORS OF CIVIL LAW
1806 COMMERCE BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS
ZONE 12

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Mr. Hoover received your letter dated January 18th and asked me to inform you that as of January 23, 1968, the FBI had 8,679 Special Agents.

1st Helen Mandy

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles indicate correspondent is a rabid segregationist in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. It is felt this acknowledgment should be made over Miss Gandy's signature and that the figure cannot be withheld from correspondent as the Director has in the past publicly testified to the number of Special Agents.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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NO 44-3425

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana
(Attention: OWEN FISS, Special Asst., Civil Rights
Division, 333 St. Charles Ave.)

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Date:

12/21/67

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Field Office File #:

NO 44-3425

Bureau File #:

Title:

RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Attorneys interviewed regarding civil rights
and legal representation in Plaquemines Parish,
and elsewhere in Louisiana. [REDACTED] b7C[REDACTED] not available
for interview to date.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT MERAUX, LOUISIANAb7C
b7D [REDACTED]